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PORT OPENED.

THE CANTON INCIDENT SETTLED.

PICKETS GIVE IN.

Wireless messages received in Hongkong last night stated that the Customs dispute had been settled and that the port had been reopened. In consequence of this development, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Company's service will be resumed as from to-morrow, the same schedule being maintained as was the case before the closing of the port by the Customs Commissioner. The S.S. Lungshan will thus leave for Canton to-morrow morning.

The Post Office notifies that the mail service to Canton by steamer is being resumed to-morrow. Letter mail will be closed at 7.15 a.m. and the parcel mail at 5 p.m. daily, excepting on Sundays.

Confirmation of the settlement of the dispute is contained in a Reuter's telegram of last night which states:

The Customs Incident at Canton is closed by the surrender of the goods seized by the strikers and the issue of a proclamation that all formalities must be observed.

Permits to load and discharge cargoes will be issued to-morrow.

Prior to this, Reuter had reported that only the import of rice was being permitted at Canton and Whampoa, and that over fifty steamers had been rendered idle at the ports. The message also added that the Red boycott pickets had surrendered ten cargo boats to the Maritime Customs, but much of the cargo had been disposed of.

It was reported, says Reuter, that one foreign firm had paid as much as \$12,000 in order to obtain the release of a steamer and cargo seized by the armed pickets. The message added that, pending the action of the Canton Government, the boycotters had formed an examination depot which was intended to deal with goods after their release by the Maritime Customs, so it was thus clear that the "depredations on foreign goods would be sure to continue."

News from other sources indicates that prior to the settlement, Dr. C. C. Wu had had several conferences with the Customs Commissioner, and that some difficulty appears to have been experienced before the matter was adjusted. There was one rumour circulating yesterday in Canton to the effect that the Canton Government had demanded that the Customs Department should resume its usual functions within five days, and that if this request was not complied with and the Customs House still remained closed, the Government would take independent action. This was only one of many rumours, but it would appear that these were groundless, in view of subsequent developments.

MOTOR BOAT SUNK.

COLLISION WITH FERRY BOAT.

At 8.45 this morning, while going alongside the wharf on the Kowloon side, the Star Ferry boat "Northern Star" came into collision with two public motor boats and sank one of them. The mishap occurred between the Star Ferry wharf and the public pier, under what circumstances has not yet been disclosed. One of the motor boats instantly sank, while considerable damage was done to the other. Enquiries from the police show that no lives were lost.

PRINCE GEORGE AT LOCAL INVESTITURE.

FIRST OFFICIAL FUNCTION IN HONGKONG.

TO ACT FOR KING.

His Royal Highness Prince George is to perform his first official function in Hongkong on Saturday, March 18th, when, at Government House, he will act for His Majesty the King at an investiture.

Heading those to be invested will be His Excellency the Governor, who will receive at the hands of the Prince the decoration of a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Other recipients of decorations will be Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., and Mr. George Duncan, M.B.E.

The function will be of an official character, and some four hundred invitations thereto will be issued, about half of which will be to prominent Chinese residents of the Colony.

As stated above, Prince George will be officiating at the ceremony on behalf of his father, His Majesty the King, from whom His Royal Highness has received special instructions to carry out the investiture.

We hear that there is a possibility of the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps being asked to provide a guard of honour to His Royal Highness on the occasion of the ceremony.

GIANT GAROUPA CAUGHT.

CHILD'S LEG INSIDE.

Eclipsing all other stories of local deep-sea catches, the report of the landing of a giant garoupa from the waters of Capasimoon has reached us this morning.

There is nothing very extraordinary in local catches of large-sized garoupa, although the nine cwt. attained by the fish in this instance is a revelation of the enormous size to which garoupa can attain. More than usual interest attaches to this catch from the fact that, on being opened up, the garoupa was found to contain the severed leg of a child. The fish was landed on the Praya near Steamboat wharf and a number of Europeans have vouched for the presence of the severed limb of a child inside the fish.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

YESTERDAY'S CASES.

Yesterday was noteworthy for a number of motor accidents of a varied character.

In the first case, a car, driven by Dr. Tottenham, knocked down a Chinese boy near the Central Market. The injuries inflicted were of a slight nature, and were treated by the doctor on the spot. The boy refused to go to hospital.

Going down Garden Road from Macdonnell Road, a car swerved and ran into the wall of the Botanical Gardens. Two small Chinese boys in the car were injured when the vehicle turned over on its side. It was not found necessary to take them to hospital, however. The car is owned by a Chinese.

Mr. A. May has reported to the police that whilst proceeding on his cycle along Praya East he was compelled to pull up suddenly in order to avoid a man who had got into the way of his machine. As Mr. May fell, the machine fell on top of him and he received slight injuries.

Two motor buses met in a collision outside the Mongkok Police Station yesterday morning. One of them, a Kai Tack Company's bus, was badly damaged.

LOCAL RATES.

RELIEF FOR PROPERTY OWNERS.

VACANT FLATS.

The present depression in house property in the Colony causing hardship to owners of houses with two or three floors vacant, was mentioned at this morning's meeting of the Legislative Council when it was "resolved that it is desirable that legislation be introduced, as a temporary measure of relief, in order to enable refunds of rates to be made in respect of vacant portions of tenements in certain cases."

Following upon this resolution it is notified that as a special and temporary arrangement, the Governor-in-Council is prepared, in anticipation of intended legislation, and until further notice, to receive applications for refunds of rates in any case where two or more floors of a tenement have been vacant during the whole of any month.

Applications will not be considered where only one floor was vacant, because the assessment itself makes allowance for certain possible vacancies. For the same reason, a refund, when granted, will not be a refund of the whole amount of the rates attributable to all the vacant floors. For example, where two floors out of three were vacant the refund will probably be of the amount of the rates attributable to one of those two vacant floors. No refunds will be granted in respect of any month previous to February, 1926. The fact that the rates were not paid in advance in January will not necessarily be a bar to relief in respect of February and March, 1926.

If this special and temporary arrangement is continued in the next quarter, i.e., April to June, relief in that quarter will probably depend on payment of the rates in advance during April. Applications for refunds should be sent to the Colonial Treasurer.

The resolution was moved by the Hon. Attorney General (Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.) who pointed out that the rateable value of a house was the amount at which the tenancy might be expected to be let and the Assessor was assisted in arriving at that figure by his knowledge of the house property in the Colony. The rates were an occupation tax and that being so, provision was made for refunds of rates where premises have been entirely vacant. The whole tenancy must have been vacant for the whole of a given month and the rates must have been paid in advance in the first month of the quarter.

That, continued Mr. Kemp, worked out quite fairly in ordinary times because the Assessor was allowed to make an allowance up to 20 per cent. for probable vacancies during the year. That deduction from the total rental was quite enough to give relief to the payer and taxes from the burden he had to bear when premises were vacant. It has been impressed upon the Government recently, however, that in view of the temporary depressed condition of house property in certain parts of the Colony, that rule worked unfairly, or perhaps he should say hardly because for various reasons it happened that in certain parts of the Colony vacancies had been much more frequent and lasted much longer than in ordinary times.

When the land boom was on, buildings were commenced in all parts of the Colony and a year ago it was mentioned that there was a danger that the Colony was being over-built. At the present time it appeared that the accommodation was greater than really necessary, and (Continued on Page 16.)

BRITISHER IMPRISONED IN ITALY.

OFFENSIVE WORDS ABOUT MUSSOLINI.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Feb. 25.

In the House of Commons, the Labour M.P., Mr. T. Cape, asked whether the Foreign Under-Secretary was aware that Mr. William Ellison, a Britisher employed in the chemical industry, had been sentenced in Florence to five months' imprisonment and a fine of £15 on a charge of using offensive words about Signor Mussolini; whether Mr. Ellison was defended by counsel; and whether representations to mitigate sentence could be made to the Italian authorities, seeing that this was the first case since the passing of the new Italian Act. The Conservative M.P., Capt. H. Dixon, said Mr. Ellison was a reputable constituent of his.

Mr. Locker Lampson replied that his information was confined to press accounts, but the Ambassador at Rome had been instructed to furnish a report.—Reuter.

HOAXED & KIDNAPPED.

ROBBERS DISGUISED AS STRIKE PICKETS.

The story of how a gang of robbers in Canton posed as strike pickets and succeeded in robbing a man and his wife and nephew of \$3,000 worth of jewellery and cash and afterwards kidnapped them for ransom, is told by a Canton correspondent.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

China Wants a Seat.

Stockholm, Feb. 25.

The *Dagens Nyheter* understands that China, at the meeting of the League Assembly in March, will demand a permanent seat on the Council if there is any question of giving permanent seats to other Powers than Germany.

The newspaper adds that China, despite present conditions, is a potential Great Power and moreover, Asia is not properly represented on the Council.—Reuter.

The man was sent information that his brother, who had been away from home for over 20 years, was returning that day by steamer accompanied by his wife and family. Donning best clothes for the event, the victims of the lie went to meet the returning brother, hiring a motor boat to meet the steamer. It was while awaiting the arrival of the steamer that the robbers, dressed in the uniform of strike pickets, raided the motor boat, robbed the occupants and then hurriedly made away in the boat with their captives.

A demand for ransom has reached the victims' relatives.

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTRICT SWEPT.

Nemphis, Feb. 25.

At least six were killed and many injured by a tornado sweeping over the Mississippi River from Arkansas last night. The destruction of property is heavy and 25 houses were wrecked near Greenville, Mississippi. Plantations in the path of the storm, which passed over Tennessee and Kentucky, were severely damaged.—Reuter's American Service.

SCOTS BALL.

ALL READY FOR GAY FESTIVAL.

THE DECORATIONS.

St. Andrew's Hall, which will draw all local Scotsmen and numerous guests to the City Hall this evening, was postponed from November 30th, the normal time, on account of the lamented death of Queen Alexandra, but this postponement will in no wise affect the enthusiasm and *foie de vivre* which accompanies the festival almost as a matter of course.

Every possible arrangement for the comfort of the guests has been made, though additional cloak-rooms have disappeared with the customary entrance. The old representation of a castle has been replaced by a decorated grotto entrance, and high above will be the illuminated St. Andrew's Cross. The cloak-rooms are situated just inside the vestibule, the ladies passing to the right and the gentlemen to the left.

THE DECORATIONS.

The colour scheme throughout the Hall is naturally the familiar blue and white. The entrance hall is lavishly brightened by pot palms and bamboo greenery, and the stairway has been converted into an avenue similarly treated.

At the top is a huge mirror, through which one catches a glimpse of the lion rampant, just behind. It is topped by an illuminated Scotch thistle and flanked by two huge Scottish standards, the lion rampant on a yellow background.

Passing into the theatre, now converted into the supper room, guests viewing the stage, which will seat the official supper party, will at once be attracted by a well executed scenic view of West Highland country in the Oban district, the native home of the Chief, Dr. Black. The scene will be glimpsed through the arches of a decorated trellis and in one section will be observed one of David MacBraynes' steamers under full steam.

The decoration prevailing in the theatre is blue and white; and, as small tables have been set out in the stalls, while the circle contains long tables facing the stage. The electric lamps have pretty shades showing the St. Andrew's Cross on all four sides.

On the walls of the upper staircase, of the balcony and of the two dance halls, will be found clan crests draped in the blue and white which prevails throughout, while pot palms lend additional attraction to the colour scheme. St. Andrew's Hall is simply yet attractively arranged and at the far end is a picture of Sir Walter Scott. At the back of the dais in St. George's Hall, which will seat the official party, is a large picture of Queen Victoria draped with Union Jacks.

Cosy sitting-out places will, as usual, be found on the verandahs and in the ante-room.

The old Chamber of Commerce room becomes, for the purposes of the ball, a buffet. Downstairs will be found cardrooms. The ladies can play in a room provided on the left of the staircase, while the gentlemen are accommodated in "Auchtermuchty," which has been fittingly furnished with a bar which extends the full length of the library.

OFFICIAL PARTIES.

Included in the twenty-one items which form the dance programme are a number of typically Scottish dances, and the Ball will be opened by the State Lancers in which the following will be the official sets:—The Chieftain and Lady Clement, Sir Henry Gollan and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Greasy, H. B. Bondholders.—Reuter.

AID FOR MARINE OFFICERS.

SCHEME OF GOVERNMENT RELIEF.

EFFECTS OF BOYCOTT.

One effect of the strike and boycott locally has been to cause pecuniary embarrassment to a number of mercantile marine officers, to whose aid the Government is coming by the granting of loans or relief in some other form, on investigation of individual cases. A committee is being formed to consider applications, and will sit weekly for this purpose. A notification by the Harbour Master has been posted up at the Harbour Office in connection with the scheme, and this reads as follows:

"It has been brought to the notice of the Government that, owing to the strike and boycott, certain officers of the British Mercantile Marine have been greatly reduced in circumstances.

"The Government has therefore decided to afford assistance in reasonable cases, either in the form of a loan, or relief, as may be considered to be most desirable.

"Applicants should communicate in writing with the Harbour Master, such letters to reach the Harbour Office not later than noon on Tuesday, and will be required to state their case, and produce their papers before a committee, at 2.30 p.m. on the following Thursday.

"The Committee will sit weekly to consider applications received during the previous week."

BELGIAN BANK FAILS.

FOUR MEMBERS ARRESTED.

Antwerp, Feb. 25.

Four members of the staff of the Banque du Credit Foncier, of Antwerp, have been arrested in connection with a suspension of payment. The deficit is estimated at forty million francs. The Bank has one hundred branches, and it proposes a composition of forty per cent. to creditors.—Reuter.

Later. Two further arrests have been made in connection with the Credit Foncier. One is alleged to be a fraudulent debtor for thirty-two million francs and the other an employee of the Bank.

The tribunal of Commerce has rejected the Bank's petition for a composition which will declare a fraudulent bankruptcy.—Reuter.

FRANCO-RUSSIAN DEBT.

THE CONFERENCE OPENS.

Paris, Feb. 25.

M. Briand opened the Franco-Russian Debt Conference at the Quai D'Orsay. He insisted at the outset that the Conference implied a solemn undertaking by the parties represented to adhere to the principle of non-intervention.

M. Demonzie, the head of the French delegation, said the latter did not abandon the defence of the rights of small French holders of Russian bonds, but was ready to discuss the method of liquidating past liabilities. He added that France hoped for a speedy development of private trade between the two countries.

M. Rakovsky said the difference in the institutions and laws of the two countries did not render impossible solutions reconciling their interests. He desired to find a solution satisfactory to small bondholders.—Reuter.

NEW ALLIANCE?

REPORTED MISSION TO CANTON.

MANY EMISSARIES.

Reports continue to arrive from Canton with regard to the arrival of emissaries from various provinces making overtures to the Government. But these are somewhat overshadowed by a telegram said to have been received from Hau Chien, the head of the diplomatic mission sent by the Canton Government to Peking in view of the holding of the Tariff Conference, who states that he is returning and is the bearer of a message from the Christian General Feng Yu-hsiang relating to a suggested triple alliance between the latter, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and the Kuomintang. It is known that Hau Chien is not only an ardent Kuomintang adherent, but is also a close and confidential friend of General Feng, and the report that he has been selected for this mission is regarded in some quarters as indicating that the proposed alliance will sooner or later become an accomplished fact.

With regard to the arrival of provincial emissaries in Canton, it is recalled that Chow Yum-yau, Tapan of Fukien, was the first to send his representative. Then came General Tang Sang-che, the Garrison Commandant of Southern Hunan, who was followed by the representatives of Kwetchow and Kiangsi. It is now reported that the representatives of General Chao Heng-teh, Tapan of Hunan, has arrived, bringing with him a personal letter from General Chao suggesting that the Canton Government be approached with a view to joining the confederation of the South Western Provinces. It is stated that the Committee of Political Affairs has approved the terms offered by General Chao and that it will take only one or two more interviews with his representative to draw up the terms of the compact for affixing signatures. It is said that the deliberations on the terms offered by General Chao took place at Whampoa in the presence of all the highest military officers and the representatives of Hunan, Kiangsi and Kwangsi, and lasted a whole afternoon and night before all points were satisfactorily settled and accepted by the representatives.

It is also reported that the representative of General Sun Chuan-fong is on his way to Canton, but another report says that he has already arrived, but that, for some reason or other, the Government has suppressed publication of his presence in Canton.

From the above it will be observed that representatives of practically all the South Western Provinces and those on the Yangtze Valley have had negotiations with the Canton Government, and if the negotiations are brought to a successful issue, the political situation of China may take on a new complexion shortly.

BIG AUSTRALIAN FIRES.

\$1,000,000 DAMAGE SUSTAINED.

Melbourne, Feb. 25.

In addition to the bush fires \$1,000,000 worth of damage has been done by big conflagrations. One was at Sunshine, Victoria, where the Darling Flour Mills' wheat stacks, valued at \$250,000, were destroyed and the other was at some sugar works in North Adelaide, where the plant and a big stock were consumed. The damage was \$750,000.—Reuter.

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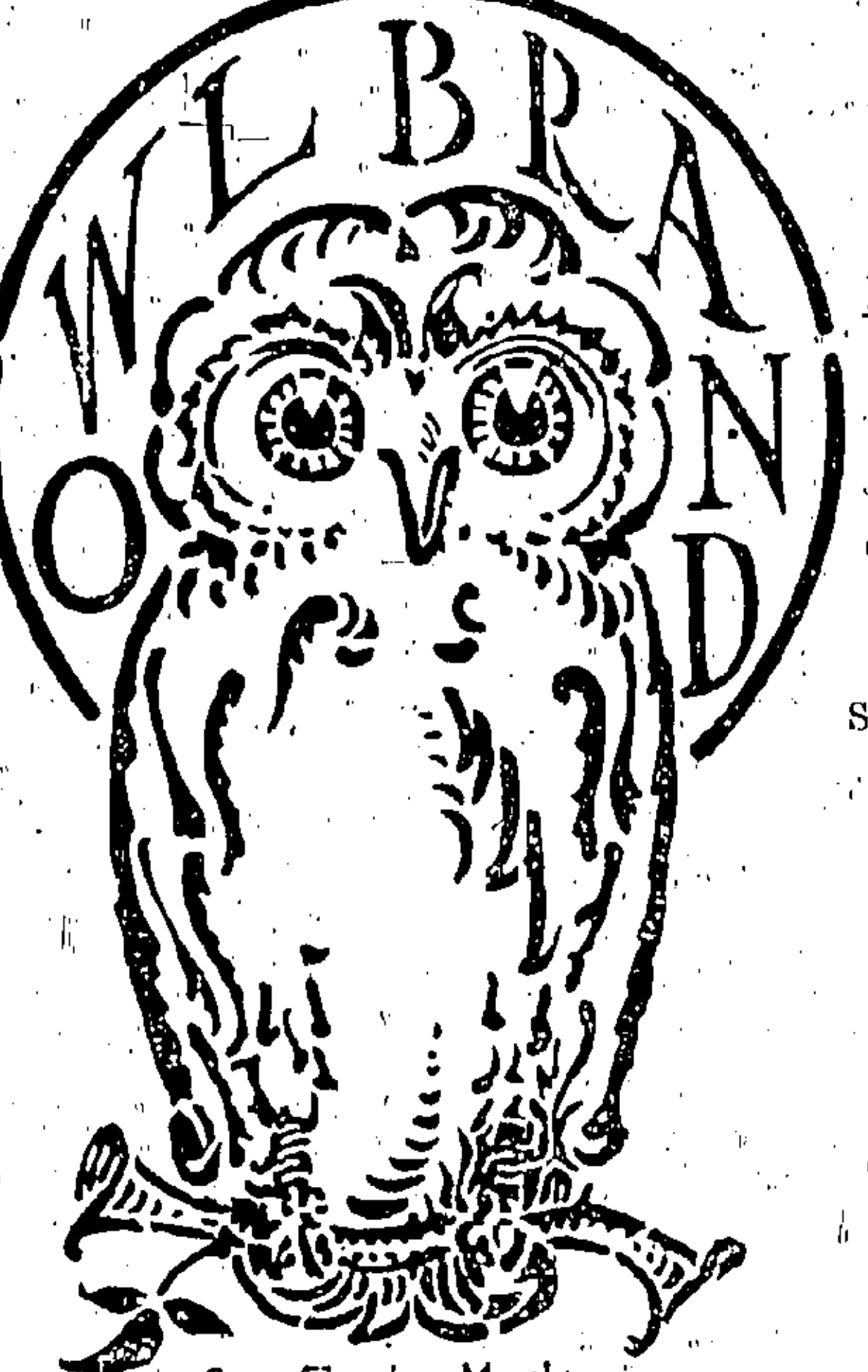
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Forty convicts under sentences ranging from five to 20 years, convicted of armed robbery in the French Concession, rose against their guards in the French prison at midnight on Wednesday, after conspiring for the better part of two years, according to the official version by the French police, says the N. C. D. News of the 20th inst. The authorities, aware of the details of the plot, had taken precautionary measures, and immediately the convicts attacked Brigadier Warden Logerot and his Annamite companion, other police opened fire and killed three outright, wounding 12 more severely, two of whom have died since. Eight are still in a critical condition. The riot quelled, the survivors rushed back to their cells thoroughly cowed, and on Thursday afternoon four of them committed suicide.

In the statement of the French police, it was stated that the authorities knew for some time of the underground of agitation among the convicts, although they had been unable to trace it to a definite source. The plot, however, came to a head on Wednesday and those in charge knew that at midnight the attempt would be made.

The head-warden, M. Gouget, took extra precautions and more men were detailed for duty that night, being held in readiness on the lower storeys. The usual guards went about their duties in the ordinary manner, so as not to excite the suspicions of those concerned in the proposed break.

The Guard Attacked.

At midnight the guard made his rounds with his companion and came to the third floor, where the desperadoes were supposed to be confined. Here, about 30 cells, all in a row, open on a single corridor, which is closed at either end by a grille. Ten of the 30 cells are separated from the remaining 20 by another grille.

On entering the corridor, he was immediately set upon by five men, who had secreted themselves after they had opened their own cell doors and those of the conspirators, by means of a master key, made, as it was later ascertained, on the premises. They threw a log at Logerot, which fortunately, according to doctors, did not enter his eyes, but burned his face and mouth. After unfastening him with clothing, they knocked him to the floor and grabbed his pistol. His Annamite fellow-guard, who had been patrolling just behind him, rushed to safety and scolded the alarm.

The reserves from below ran to either end of the corridor, shooting into the crowd intent on escaping from their prison. Just how many shots were fired has not been stated, but when the outbreak was quelled it was found that three had been killed and 12 wounded, some severely, of whom two more have since died.

Armed with iron bars and the Annamite's bayonet, the 40 men, scrambling for the doors, looked desperate indeed, and full of hate at their captors. With thoughts of past years in prison and visions of increased sentences in the future, they made for the armed reserves, who had no alternative but to shoot to kill. Fortunately, among the precautions taken, the patrol's pistol had been emptied, so it became useless in possession of the gaol-breaker who took it from him. The now thoroughly-cowed convicts retreated to their cells.

LEAGUE CRISIS.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

London, Feb. 25.

"The menacing cloud in the League sky—A plot to—Gerrymander the League—A. Perilous experiment," are among the captions of the oppositionist press, which is up in arms against Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham, cabled on the 23rd. It hopes that Parliament will take the matter in hand and say "No" to Sir Austen Chamberlain.

With the exception of the *Daily Press*, which joins in the chorus of opposition, the Conservative press is strangely silent.

The taunt that the Foreign Secretary walked into the French spider's parlour with the confidence of a silly fly is mingled with accusation that France is attempting to convert the League into an instrument for French policy. It is noteworthy that the opposition is not directed to the policy of enlarging the Council but against the enlargement being simultaneous with Germany's admission. The need of enlarging the Council can scarcely be contended.—*Reuter*.

London, Feb. 25.

The *Manchester Guardian* fears that Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech may well prove to be most injurious to the League and be the most pernicious in effect upon European relations that any British politician has delivered since the League was formed.

It is all very well for Sir Austen to talk in the abstract about enlargement of the Council, but he must know well if this is done it will be by the inclusion of Poland, and to secure Poland's entry it may be necessary to square Spain and Brazil. The paper does not consider Poland in particular has any claim, and its attitude to the League has not earned any recognition. It points out that two seats must be reserved for the United States and Russia if they wish to enter.—*Reuter*.

A Long Drawn Out Plot.

From subsequent investigations made throughout Wednesday night and continuing on Thursday, the authorities ascertained that some of the more vicious had been plotting for several years. In the clothing of one of the dead, the officers found a master key which would open all the doors on the floor, which had, of course, been passed from cell to cell, just before the outbreak. One of the survivors told them that he had made the key from pieces of metal, which various others had gathered during their labours in the shops, laundry and yard. It was secreted in the heavy clothing, and not found in the daily and weekly inspections. Other bits of metal, bars and small files had been hidden in the same manner. The prisoners had used them to file through the shackles, which all sentenced to more than five years are compelled to wear.

Of those in hospital it is expected that six or eight are so critically wounded that they cannot recover. Of those in the cells four committed suicide, fearful of the consequences. All prisoners who took part in the outbreak will appear before the French Mixed Court again to stand trial for this, their most recent offence. This number will include 21, who neither were shot nor committed suicide, as well as all who recover from their wounds.

HARBOUR MURDER.

BOATWOMAN KILLED AND DUMPED OVERBOARD.

Fisherman's Discovery.

Of the numerous murders which were committed in the Colony during the fortnight before China New Year, the discovery of the body of an aged Chinese woman in the harbour off the Praya Reclamation on the morning of the 8th inst. had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday when Mr. E. W. Hamilton conducted an enquiry into the circumstances of the death of the woman.

The Coroner was assisted by a jury composed of Messrs. J. A. Douglas (foreman), J. M. Pereira and Ma Wai-lun.

Dr. Smalley was the first witness called and he stated that there were six irregular wounds on deceased's scalp but no signs of any rope having been tied round her neck. The wounds were made by a blunt instrument, but the skull was not fractured. There was, however, haemorrhage on the right side of her brain.

There were no signs of drowning and death was due to concussion and cerebral haemorrhage. Witness was of the opinion that death had taken place before the body was put into the water, as there was no water in the internal organs.

A boat woman gave evidence of having made a report to the Police on finding the deceased's boat alongside the Praya. The craft was empty and appeared to have drifted ashore.

Whilst fishing off Wanchai a boatman discovered the body tied to a piece of rope. It was later secured by a second boatman to a bamboo pole.

One witness stated that he saw the woman conveying three men from the Reclamation, at about 10 p.m., previous to her death.

Two sons of the deceased said that they gave their mother a sum of \$100 some ten years ago and she kept this money on board her boat.

Sub-Inspector Andrew on receiving the report went to Wanchai, where he found the body tied fast to a boat anchor. The deceased's own boat was in a state of confusion and blood spots were found on the sannah. A box which had been opened was floating in the water.

The jury returned a verdict of murder by some person or persons unknown.

LONDON HOSPITAL.

£50,000 FOR RESEARCH WORK.

Rugby, Feb. 25.

A recent anonymous donation of £50,000 to the London Hospital for the endowment of research into causes of disease will, it is understood, be devoted to pay salaries to research workers, so that men and women may have more opportunity of taking up research as a life work, and not simply as a stop-gap until some more lucrative branch of medicine is opened to them.—*British Wireless*.

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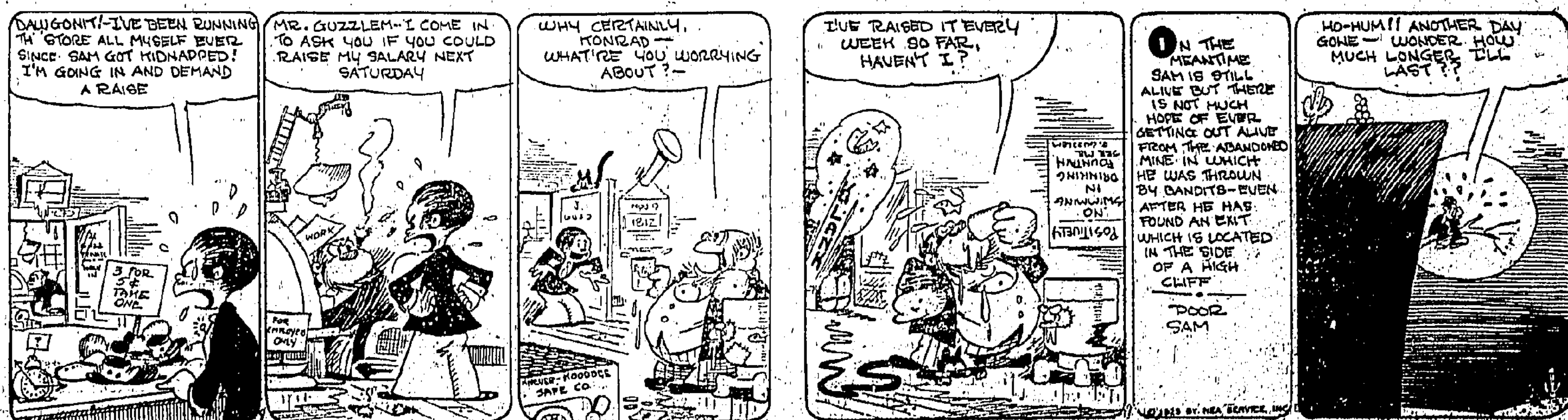


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Here are these two fifteens which lined up for the annual rugby match in Shanghai between Wayfoong and Taikoo last Sunday. Wayfoong won a good game by 13 points to 0. The two teams were as follow: G. M. Mackintosh, H. W. Brady, G. S. Dunkley, E. E. Tricker, L. H. Thorn, W. F. Curwen, J. Dapuy, E. Moffatt, S. H. Ash, R. Davis, E. H. C. Lamb, J. C. G. Ferguson, A. E. Crowe, J. H. Raikes, J. D. McClatchie (Wayfoong in Colours); R. C. Law, S. D. Begg, F. A. M. Elliott, R. H. Blake, F. J. Robinson, E. O. England, R. H. Dowler, I. F. Grant, F. D. Roberts, Stuart Deas, J. V. White, M. A. A. Mackintosh, O. Moor, R. W. Wallace, C. L. D. Bickerton (Taikoo in whites).

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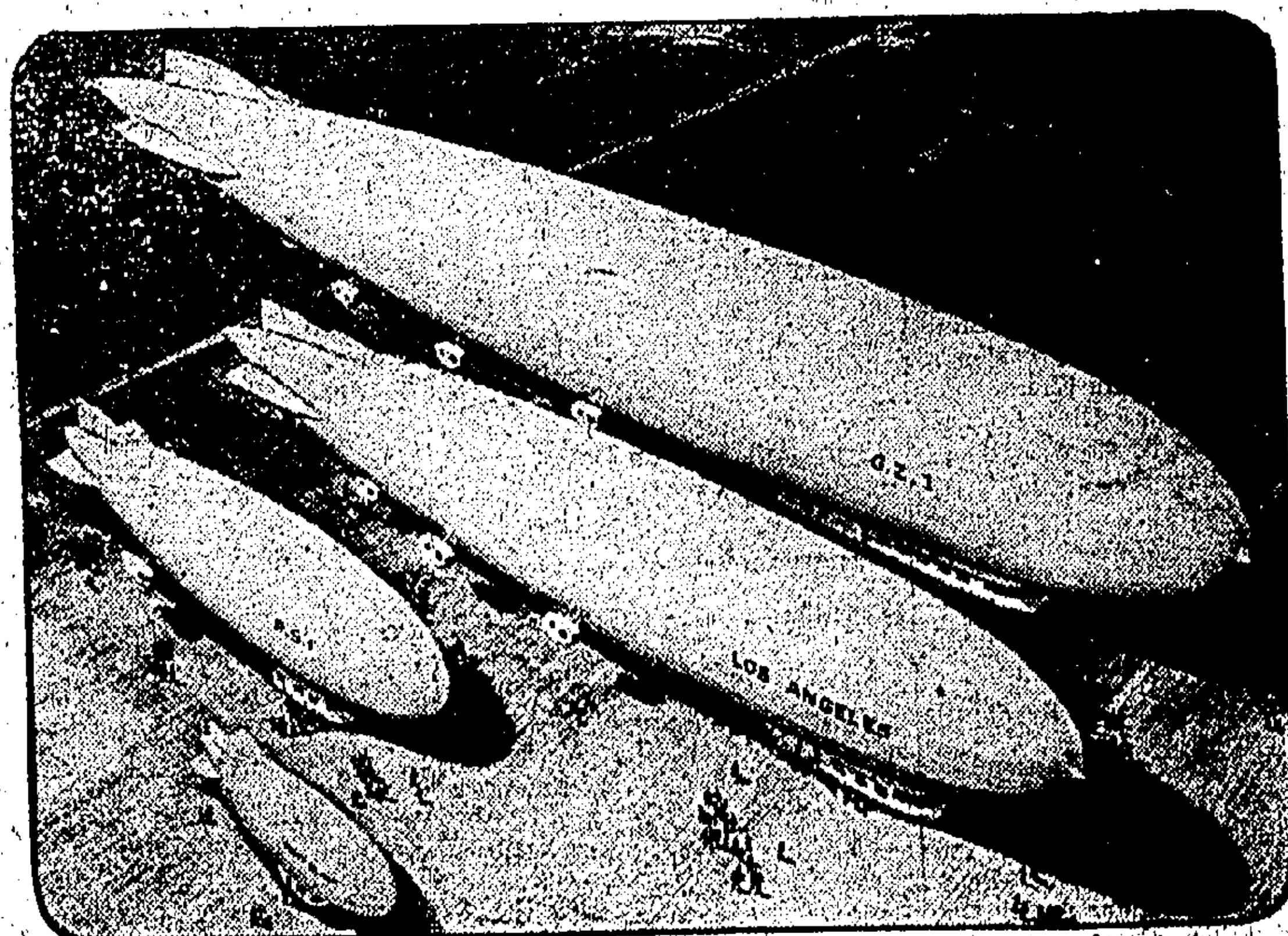
This Eskimo maiden living in Baffin land, is wearing a genuine sealskin jacket, trousers of blue and white fox fur, and boots lined with polar bear skin.

Winners of the Shanghai Chinese Football League.



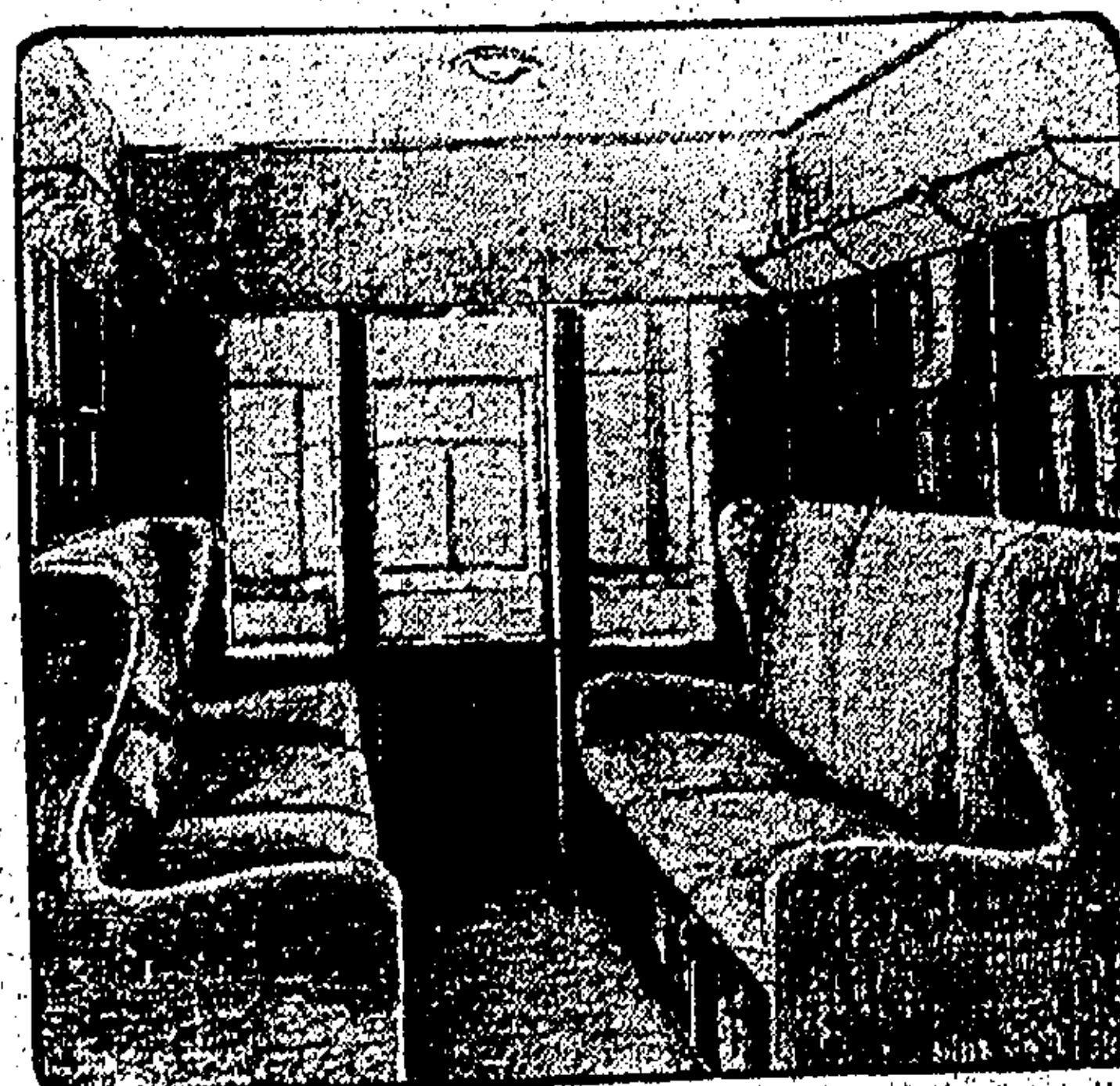
Photograph shows the Unions team, for Shanghai, winners of the Chinese Football League. There was a dispute about the League, as two teams tied for first place and it was agreed they should play the best of three matches for the honour. These matches were not played for various reasons, and the committee of the Chinese Football Association decreed that a deciding match should be played. The Union were the only team to put in an appearance on the field for this match, and were awarded the championship of the League on their opponents' forfeit.

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TO LET—One European flat, Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32 Kennedy Road.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

RACE MEETING 1923

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh or at the Gate. Price \$3. per day.

Solders and Sailors in Uniform \$1. per day.
No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Seventh Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 12th March 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1926.

FOR SALE.

PASSAGES FOR DISPOSAL—at Company's rates, 4 berths (2 Cabins) to London via Suez 10th March, releasing owing to illness. Apply Box No. 1454 c/o Hongkong Telegraph.

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RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 6th.

The Stewards request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready, and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings this year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members have the privilege of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before SATURDAY, February 27th 1926.

Price \$10 per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1926.

Seventh Race—7th day—

The United Services Cup.
Post Entries will be accepted for this Race.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis Alexandra Bldgs. No servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders will be removed from Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, February 12th, 1926 to Tuesday, February 23rd, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4, 1926.

NOTICE.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

NEXT TERM will begin on Monday, March 8th (not March 1st) in the New Building at Kowloon. The loss of one week's work will be made good later in the year.

School Hours.—The same as last term, that is, no school on Saturdays. On Wednesdays school finishes at 1.20 p.m. The tiffin hour on the four other days is 1.5 to 2.5 p.m.

Day Boys can get tiffin either from the school cook or from the school tuck shop (Messrs. Shi Kee & Co.).

Accommodation is provided for boys who bring their own tiffin. Monthly Ferry, Bus (to Ho Mun Tin) and Train Tickets (to Yau-mati Station) can be obtained directly from the companies concerned or scholars can pay as they go.

At the end of March, if the school can guarantee a certain number of tickets, cheaper monthly tickets can be arranged by motor bus.

The School Address is—The Diocesan Boys' School, P.O. Box 33, Hongkong.

The new telephone number from March 5 will be Kowloon 777.

The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE
M.A. (Oxon.),
Headmaster.
Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1926.

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Sixth Annual Dinner.

The Sixth Annual Re-Union Dinner of the Association, accompanied by a Concert, will take place on Saturday the 13th of March, 1926, at 8 p.m., in the Hall of Queen's College. To encourage attendance, the General Committee have fixed a minimum charge of \$3 (wines inclusive), but Members are requested to make, if possible, an extra contribution to defray the expenses of the entertainment. The number of guests is limited to fifty and applications for their accommodation should be made to the undersigned. All subscriptions are to be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, Lai Im To, Esq., at the Oriental Commercial Co., Bank of Canton Building.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 25, 1926.

NOTICE.

CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT (HONGKONG).

St. David's Society (Hongkong).

Owing to circumstances over which the Committee have no control, it has been decided not to hold the Annual Dinner this year. Members are requested to meet at the Cenotaph, as requested in the former notice, at 10.50 a.m.

For the Committee,
DAVID E. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1926.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty First Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Thursday, the 4th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1925. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th February to 4th March, 1926 both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, February 18, 1926.

NOTICE.

We have this day been appointed sole agents in Hongkong and South China for the sale of Sakura Beer.
DONNELLY & WHYTE
1st February, 1926.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd proximo, and close at 12 Noon.

Hongkong, 24th, Feb., 1926.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 29th December, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th March, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 4th June, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 4th June, 1926.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th, Feb., 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall Hongkong, on Saturday the 27th February 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 15th February to Saturday the 27th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. H. BARLOW
Chief Manager.
Hongkong 8th February 1926.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on Wednesday 17th March 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday 3rd March 1926, until Wednesday 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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Silk, Valuable Cargo for Italy, France, and London (under arrangement) will be conveyed by this Steamer proceeding to Bombay and there transhipped to the on-carrying Steamer for Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 p.m., on the Day previous to sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared.

For further Particulars, Apply to—
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th Feb., 1926.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Valuable Household and Office Furniture. (Particulars from Catalogue.)
On view from Friday afternoon, the 26th February, 1926.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by public Auction on

Saturday, the 27th February 1926 at 10.30 a.m.

at Godown No. 26, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon (for account of the concerned) 8 Coils Galvanized Flexible Steel Wire Rope

(more or less slightly damaged)
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LAMMERT BROS.,
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G. H. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 9th, 10th and 11th MARCH, 1926,

at H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT,

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Lots may be inspected on Monday, 8th March 1926.

Also sale of Old and Surplus Victualing Stores at Kowloon on Friday, 12th March.

Comprising:—Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, &c. Remnants, Blankets, Sundry Articles of Mess and Table Gear, (including Electro Plated Ware), Clothing, Condensed Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c.

Terms of Sale:—As detailed in Catalogue.

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E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Liquidator.

The Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidator of the China Nail Manufacturing Co., Ltd., to sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1926, at 2.30 p.m., at the China Auction Rooms, 4 Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong,

1 Complete Wire Nail Making Plant, consisting of 7 Machines, for making Wire Nails as follows:

BWG 21 to 17 in lengths, up to 1-5/8" 19 to 15 " " " 2" 17 to 13 1/2 " " " 2 3/4" 15 to 12 " " " 3 3/4" 14 to 10 " " " 4-3/16" 12 to 7 " " " 5-5/8" 9 to 4 " " " 7-5/8"

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Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1926.

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Valuable Leasehold Property, Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, and known as The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 706 together with the premises thereon now known as

No. 21 Robinson Road, on

WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of March, 1926, at 8 o'clock p.m., by

Messrs. LAMMERT BROS., at their Salesroom, No. 5 Duddell Street, Hongkong.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to: Messrs. WOO an NASH, Mortgagees Solicitors, Bank of China Building, Queen's Road Central, or to

Messrs. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, No. 5 Duddell Street.

Dated 24th February, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Thursday, the 4th March 1926 commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 13, Orient Buildings (Top Floor) Kowloon

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

(Particulars from Catalogue)

On View from Wednesday, the 3rd March 1926.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Stock Exchange will be closed on Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Saturday 6th March.

By order of the Committee,
A. NISSIM,
Secretary.

HUGHES & HOUGH LIMITED.

GENERAL AUCTIONEERS.

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SCOTS BALL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Major Gen. C. C. Luard and Mrs. Black, Sir Henry Pollock and Mrs. J. B. Ross, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Miss Stirling, Mr. J. Reid and Mrs. Sutherland, Commodore Stirling and Mrs. Reid.

The official supper party will be as appended:—The Chairman and Lady Clementi, H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi and Mrs. Black, Vice-Admiral Sir E. Alexander-Sinclair and Miss Stirling, H. E. Major Gen. C. C. Luard and Mrs. Reid, Mr. J. B. Ross and Mrs. Sutherland, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling and Mrs. J. B. Ross, Sir Henry Pollock and Mrs. Pollock, Sir Henry Pollock and Mrs. Ferguson, the Hon. Mr. E. K. Hallifax and Mrs. Dyer, Sir Paul Chater and Mrs. Murrdoch, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Duppuy and Mrs. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Templeton, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. W. A. Dowling and Mrs. E. A. Ram, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mrs. A. K. Henderson, Mr. J. W. Cl. Bonnen and Mrs. G. W. Shaw, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. Bernard, Mr. G. M. Young and Mrs. Shields, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Walter Lang, Mr. J. Reid and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. D. Templeton and Mrs. Duppuy, Mr. D. Gow and Mrs. G. Duncan, Mr. B. Wylie and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. G. M. Shaw and Mrs. Logan, Mr. A. Stevenson and Mrs. Gow.

THE OFFICIALS.

The official in charge of the arrangements for the Ball are: General Committee.—Dr. G. D. R. Black (President), Mr. J. B. Ross (Vice-President), Mr. R. J. Sheehan (Past President), Mr. W. C. Bonnar (Past President), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Past President), Mr. G. M. Young (Past President), Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Past President), Messrs. R. Sutherland (Past President), Mr. J. Reid (Past President), D. Templeton, D. Gow, B. Wylie, G. M. Shaw, A. Stevenson, W. J. Clerk (Hon. Treasurer) and A.



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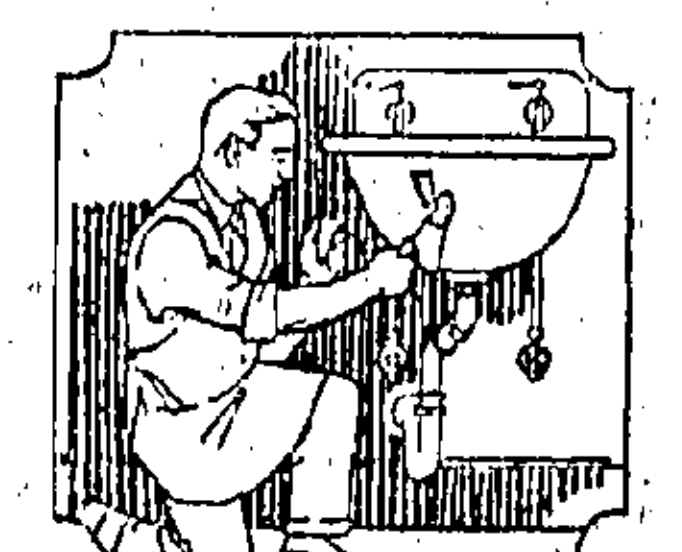
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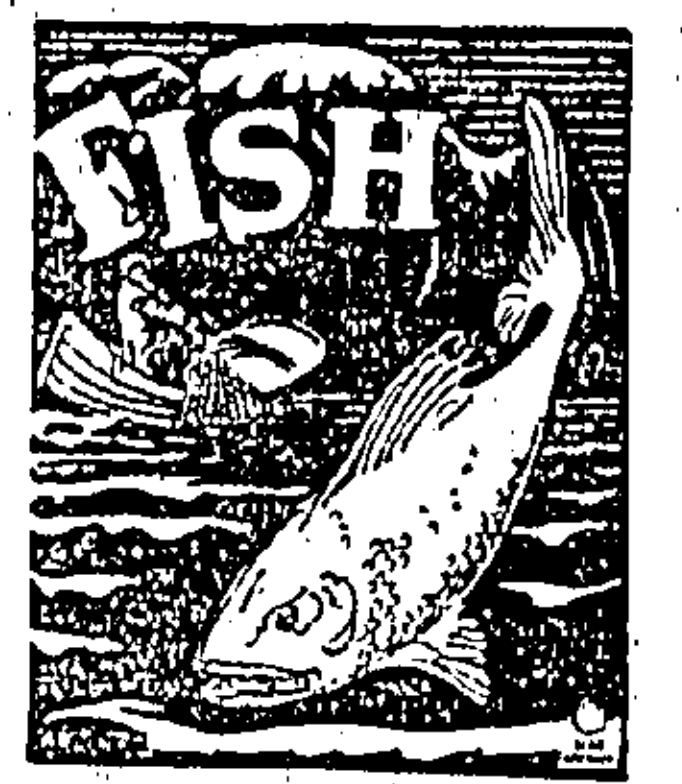
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Shanghai, Feb. 25.

Reuter has received for publication the following statement by the Great Northern, Eastern Extension and Commercial Pacific Cable Companies:

"For a long time the Chinese Telegraph Administration's indebtedness to the Great Northern, Eastern Extension, and Commercial Pacific Cable Companies has been steadily increasing, owing to the Administration's failure to pay in full the cable charges for telegrams handed in to the China Inland Telegraph offices, and it has now reached a considerable amount. These charges are collected on public companies' behalf, and not only include the proportions due to the companies but the proportions due to other companies and administrations taking part in the transmission of such telegrams. These latter proportions are promptly paid by the said companies out of their own revenues.

Although the Companies have made every endeavour to reach some satisfactory arrangement with the Chinese administration, so as to prevent any further increase of indebtedness, all the efforts have failed, and as the administration at Shanghai have lately been unable to settle their accounts with the Companies, the latter have been reluctantly compelled, as from midnight on February 24, to refuse to accept further telegrams from the administration except Government telegrams, unless accompanied by cash."

The inland places affected by this step are the offices at Chekiang, Kiangsu and other Yangtze provinces.—Reuter.

CHINESE CIVIL WAR.

ATTACK ON TIENTSIN IMMINENT.

The Political Chessboard.

Peking, Feb. 25.

A report from Tsinanfu states that, finding Li Ching-lin was advancing too rapidly, Chang Tsung-chang has resolved to go to the front and concentrate the allied forces, then launch an attack on Tientsin.

A message from Nanking says that although admittedly not friendly towards Chang Tsung-chang, there is no indication that Sun Chuan-fang's forces are moving northwards from Hangchow. The Civil Governor, Hsiao Chao, left for Nanking to-day for a heart-to-heart talk with Sun, with a view to dispelling the friction which has recently arisen. The result of this meeting may have a bearing on Sun's attitude towards the North.

An Ichang message says Lu Chin-shan, whom Peking recently appointed Tapan of Hupeh, left for Hankow on Feb. 22. He previously announced he would remain a few weeks only at Hankow, and does not intend to accept the Tapanship. It is reported from Hankow that Lu Chin-shan arrived there on Feb. 24. Some months ago he volunteered to join Wu Pei-fu, but Hsiao Yuo-nan did not permit it. His relations towards Wu Pei-fu are friendly.—Reuter.

Tsingtao, Feb. 25.

Chin Yung-peng left for Hankow at midnight on Feb. 25 via Tsinanfu and Pukow. It is expected he will interview Sun Chuan-fang prior to going up-river.

Pi Shou-cheng, whom the Cabinet wished to appoint Tapan of Shan-tung, is closely co-operating with Chang Tsung-chang in his movements against Tientsin.—Reuter.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

MONEY CHANGER SHOT BY STRANGER.

Assault Escapes.

A deliberate attempt to murder a money changer occupying part of No. 83 Leichikok Road, Sham-shuipo, facing Peiho Street, was made by an unknown Chinese last night, with the result that the victim was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital with a serious wound in his abdomen, whilst the assailant escaped before anyone became aware of the crime.

The money changer was carrying on his business as usual behind the customary iron bars which adorn the counter of the average money changer, when, shortly after seven o'clock a Chinese approached the shop and drawing a revolver, fired one shot at the man behind the bars. Without waiting the assailant ran into a scurrying lane and escaped.

On the arrival of the Police, who had been summoned, the wounded man was immediately taken to hospital, where he underwent an operation.

Though it is serious, the money changer is expected to recover from his wound.

The would-be murderer made no attempt to rob the shop, and it is therefore presumed that the motive was not one of robbery. Nobody appears to have witnessed the incident, and the man escaped without being seen.

IRRIGATION WORK.

NEW EGYPTIAN DAM IN HAND.

Early Commencement.

Rugby, Feb. 25.

It is reported that the construction of the Gebel Aulia dam on the White Nile is to be proceeded with forthwith.

It is proposed that the new dam will assure to Egypt a constant supply of water for irrigation in summer. The recently opened Mukwar dam, designed more for irrigating the Gezira Plain in the Soudan, with flood water of the Nile, which was hitherto wasted, a sister dam of the Gebel Aulia, will release about the same quantity of water for Egyptian irrigation work.

It is anticipated that the amount spent on the new works will amount to about £6,000,000, but subsidiary projects in connection with the scheme will probably result in the ultimate total expenditure being double that amount. It is stated that the immediate constructional work contemplated, for which tenders will be invited next month, will take about three years to complete.—British Wire-less.

NO COMMUNISTS.

A GLASGOW PLEBISCITE.

Rugby, Feb. 25.

The Glasgow Trades Council by a great majority has confirmed the decision of the recent Liverpool Conference to exclude Communists from the Labour Party.

Barely 80,000 participated in the plebiscite.—British Wire-less.

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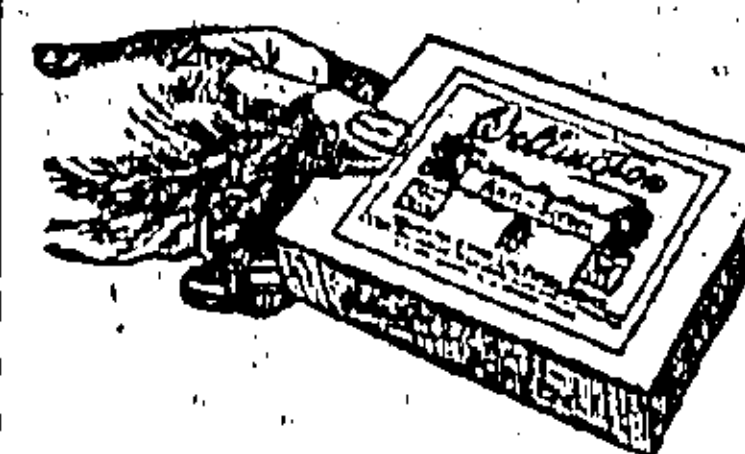
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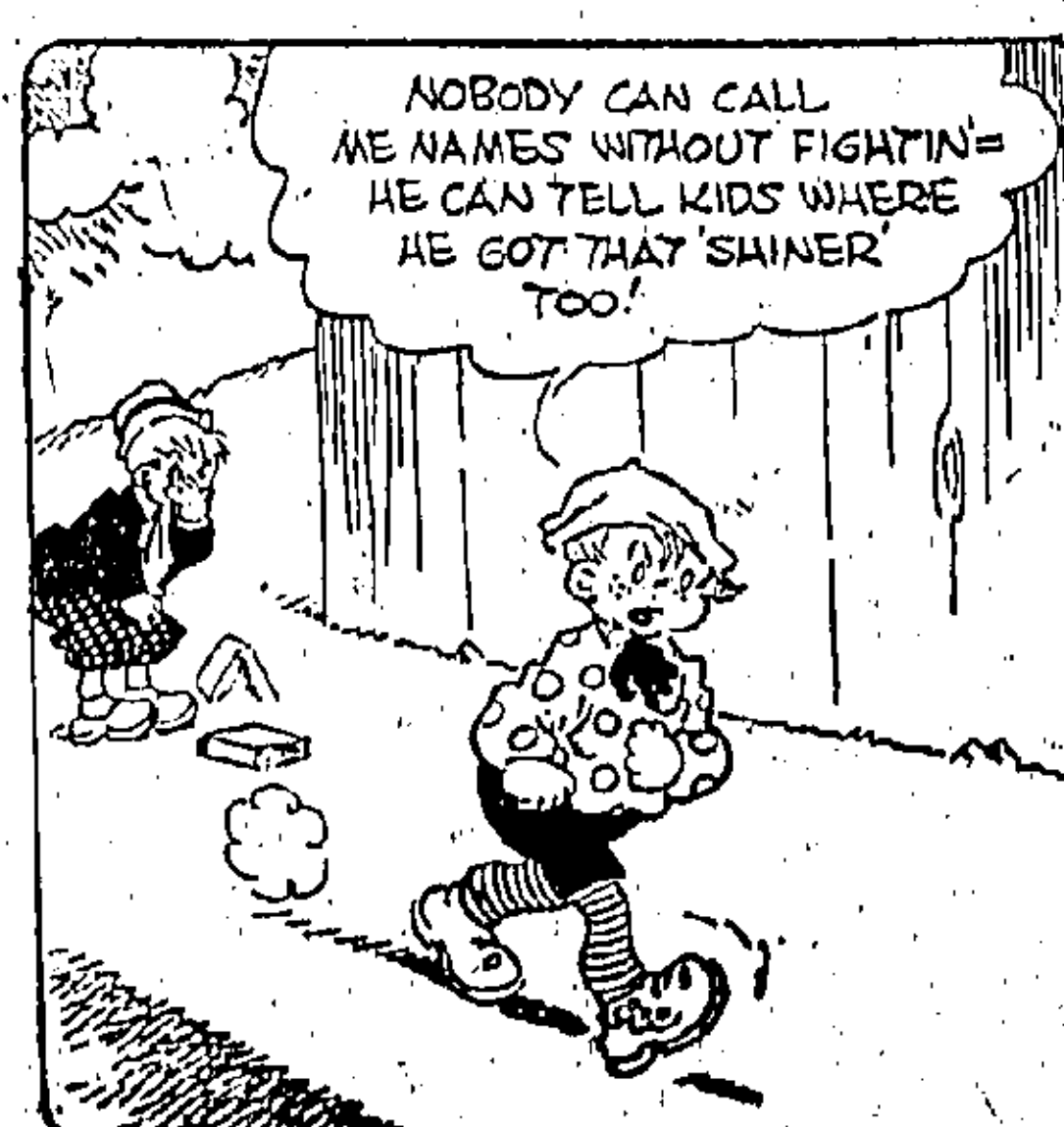
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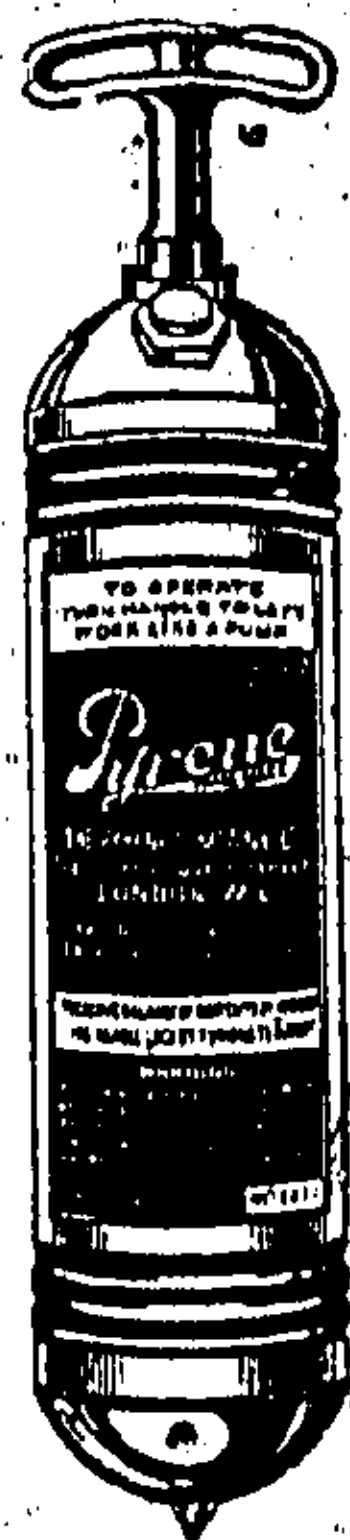
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BRITAIN AND CHINA'S HEALTH.

With the expected arrival in China of Lord Willingdon as the head of the mission sent out by Great Britain to study the question of what the best purpose to which Britain's share of the Boxer Indemnity can be put to the benefit of China, many claims are being put forward by various public organisations. Educationists contend that Britain could best spend the money on advancing ordinary secular education, and the hopes of the Hongkong University have run high on this matter. America used her Boxer Indemnity in the cause of education and culture; France used hers to help stabilise finances; Holland expended the money on the Yellow River Conservancy work; and Japan has devoted her share upon an Oriental library and research laboratory. We note that at the conference of the National Medical Association of China which has just been held in Shanghai the claim has been put forward that the best possible use Britain could make of the money would be to devote it to the cause of health education. Dr. F. C. Yen, one of those who helped to found the Hunan-Yale Medical College at Changsha, has made a very stirring appeal to the medical profession in China, to interest itself in the subject, and in that appeal he has made the point that the British Government was the first to give to the cause of public health Government recognition. As a pioneer in such a matter, Britain could justifiably take a keener interest in the matter in China. Dr. Yen proceeded to make the point that British prestige in the matter of public health has long been established in China by British medical missionaries and by Chinese medical men who had been educated in Britain, and he urged that a minimum of £100,000 of the Boxer Indemnity money should be devoted by Britain to furthering public health and health education in China. Resolutions to this effect were adopted by the Conference, it being suggested that whatever sum is granted should be invested and only the income used. Assistance and encouragement could be given to governmental

authorities who have programmes of public health work but who are short of funds to carry them through. One of the resolutions, which had the support of such well-known men as Dr. J. L. Maxwell, of the China Medical Association, Dr. W. W. Peter, of the Health Department of the Municipal Council, Dr. I. M. Miller, of the Shanghai branch of the China Medical Association, Dr. H. H. Morris, of the Shanghai Medical Society, and Dr. J. C. McCracken, of the St. John's Medical School, states:—"That since Great Britain has been a pioneer in the field of public health, whose present leadership is attested by the low mortality and morbidity rates, by the development of the most modern public health practices and governmental machinery culminating in the establishment of a Ministry of Health, the Chinese people may confidently look to Great Britain for guidance and help in promoting public health in China."

There will be no gainsaying the fact that much work awaits doing in China in the matter of improving the public health and health education, but whether the devotion of a portion of the Boxer Indemnity could accomplish much is open to argument. The problem is so vast and complex—a whole nation needs enlightenment—that it might be questioned whether £100,000 (or the proceeds from it) would not be like dropping a stone into a millpond. That Lord Willingdon and his fellow Commissioners will give the claim put forward by the doctors their earnest consideration goes without question. When Britain is so generally vilified in China these days, it is encouraging to come across a man of Dr. Yen's high standing paying such unqualified tribute to Britain's helpfulness in the past.

Our Water Supply.

We have strong hopes that the Government will accede to the request made by the Sanitary Board that the bacteriological examination of the Colony's water supplies be carried out at least once a week. Under existing conditions, the analysis takes place monthly, which is surely quite inefficient in a Colony such as this. As Dr. Koch was at pains to point out at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, there is great danger during the rainy season of the water supply becoming contaminated. There would appear, also, good ground for believing that the present bacteriologist is expected to do more work than should reasonably be placed on his shoulders, and it may be advisable, as was suggested at Tuesday's meeting, that there should be some rearrangement of the duties of that department, with additional help if required. The new military representative on the Sanitary Board was greatly surprised at the conditions prevailing here, and hazarded the opinion that the water supply should be examined daily. It does good sometimes to have fresh ideas brought to us, and that is why we hope that due notice will be taken of the views expressed by Colonel Boylan Smith. Recalling the bad outbreak of typhoid fever in this Colony some time back, we have always felt that contaminated water was at the root of a deal of the trouble, and it therefore behoves the authorities to take every precaution to guard against similar outbreaks. The advisability, even the necessity, of frequent examination of the water supply having been established, we now look to the Government to devise ways and means of putting the suggestion into effect. No price is too high to pay for the proper safeguarding of the public health.

Dr. J. M. Henry, president of the Canton Christian College, who was in Shanghai last week attending the Conference of Higher Education in China, arrived at Hongkong on Wednesday, and returned to Canton by train yesterday afternoon.

DAY BY DAY.

BEAUTIFUL TALK IS BY NO MEANS THE MOST PRESSING WANT IN PARLIAMENT.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The s.s. Tandu, which left Moji on the 24th instant, is due here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Burlingham returned by the s.s. President Taft from Manila.

The Observatory forecast for to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, foggy.

Seaplanes from H. M. S. Vindictive were exercised over the harbour yesterday.

A lecture advertised on the syllabus of the Helena May Institute for March 1st is unavoidably cancelled.

An armed robbery occurred in the Wanchai district early this morning. Details are not yet available.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak is to distribute the prizes at the Central British School, Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m. on March 5th.

We are asked to remind shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that the Bank's meeting takes place to-morrow at noon at the City Hall.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are in receipt of a cable from their Shanghai office announcing a final dividend of Tls. 1, making Tls. 1.75 for the year, for Ziangbe Rubber Co.

Messrs. Carroll Cros. are in receipt of advice that the Ayer Molek Rubber Estates, Ltd., has declared a final dividend 12%, making 25% for the year; also an interim of 10% for 1926.

At this morning's Legislative Council meeting, a resolution was approved to the effect that the percentage of the valuation of tenements payable as rates for tenements in Stanley shall be 8½ per cent.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place early in May between Surgeon-Commander G. P. Adshead, R.N., of the Royal Naval Hospital, Hongkong, and Miss Olive Orme, of the Hongkong Education Department.

The Legislative Council this morning passed the Ordinance authorising the preparation of an edition of the rules, regulations and bye-laws in force on December 31st, 1925, as well as the Bill amending the Magistrates Ordinance of 1890.

Thoroughly pleasing in every way is the film "Bridge of Sighs" now showing at the Queen's Theatre. It is conventional in plot, but is extremely well-acted, contains nothing but straight-forward clean drama and comedy, and is a most outstanding example of beautiful cinema photography. There is also a very up-to-date "Graphic" and a farcical introductory picture.

It has been arranged to hold four study circles during Lent at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. The subjects are "Christianity and Social Problems" (to be introduced by Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E.) on March 2nd; "Christianity and Art" (Rev. R. D. Rees, M.A.) on the 9th; "Christianity and Moral Problems" (Rev. H. S. F. Rossiter, B.A.) on March 16th; and "Christianity and Psychology" (Mr. P. Sands, B.A.) on March 23rd. The altered dates should be noted.

There was a most amusing mock trial at the Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon last night, the incidents investigated being an alleged armed robbery at "Cumshaw Villa." Those taking part were: Judge, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston; Counsel for the Prosecution, Mr. C. W. Skeet and Mr. Baxter; Counsel for the Defence, Mr. T. Sands and Mr. Griffith; Clerk of the Court, Mr. V. Harman; Police Inspector, Mr. J. T. Long; Witnesses for Prosecution, Messrs. Van der Starr, J. Wallace and Thomas; Petrie and Alltree; Complainant, Mr. Cutting; Prisoner, Dr. G. W. Hollings; Usher, Mr. Avenall; Court Police, Officer, Mr. Barrett; Jury, Messrs. Walker, Blick, Johnson, Sowell, Wilford, A. N. Oiler and Capt. Blayney.

TO-NIGHT'S CHIEF.



Dr. G. D. R. Black, Chieftain of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, who will be principal host at to-night's Ball. He is here seen wearing his uniform as an officer of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

FATAL AIR STUNT.

LOOKING FOR INSTIGATORS.

Paris, Feb. 25. An enquiry has been opened to discover the persons who encouraged the airman M. Collet to make his fatal stunt of flying under Eiffel Tower. They will be charged with manslaughter.—*Reuter.*

LOCARNO PACTS.

DISCUSSION IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

Paris, Feb. 25. The Chamber of Deputies' debate on the Locarno agreements was appropriately marked by most friendly utterances towards Britain.

M. Bonecour, in opening the proceedings, drew applause from all sides by reminiscences "declaring that in the event of the violation of a neutrality guaranteed by Britain the latter intervened with unsuspected forces."

Discordant strings were harped by the Communist, M. Cachin, who spoke of the imperialist British policy of a group of European nations against the Soviets, and also by Colonel Fabry who criticised the lack of precision in defining Britain's obligations. He said the agreement "was full of loopholes."

M. Briand jumped up and warmly asked that when a country like Britain had placed all her sea, land and air forces at the service of a cause, did that mean nothing? He added that the agreement assures that Britain will stand by France like Italy, Czechoslovakia and Poland. "If we had that in 1914 we should not have had war." The debate was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

A BELGIAN TRAGEDY.

DRAMATIC DEATH OF EX-MINISTER'S WIFE.

Brussels, Feb. 25. Overcome with emotion at the ceremony of her daughter taking the veil at Douvres, near Caen, Madame Vandevyvere collapsed on the floor of the Convent Chapel and died immediately. She was accompanied by her husband, who yesterday severed a long connection with the Belgian Cabinet, resigning from the Ministry of Agriculture. His departure was widely regretted because he was a valuable link between the Conservative and Democratic sections of the Catholic group and contributed to the stability of several Governments in times of crisis.—*Reuter.*

The Very Idea!

From an obituary notice:—"In 1900 he began an association that have shown keen appreciation of a lecturer's description of a Scotsman as 'not remarkable for generosity, nor extraordinarily stingy, but what might be called the happy mean.' And the lecturer had MacDonald for his middle name."

A Vienna dentist has been shot and killed by one of his patients. When arrested, the murderer gave as his excuse that a bill presented by the dead man was exorbitant and that argument had failed to bring a reduction.

Husband (who has been teaching wife to drive new car)—Now, are you sure you know what to do when the engine gets hot?
Wife—Why, certainly—just strip the gears.

Parents are welcome to this friendly tip: The best way to induce a youngster to go to bed is to let him stay up a little longer.

Jazz in America, is building many a mansion and fattening many a bank account.

Leo Feist lives in a palace at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Irving Berlin could have a huge hotel for residence did he wish—and so it goes.

But don't think for a moment that the old songs have lost their hold.

The other day Alma Gluck, glorious-voiced matron, sold her New York home for \$300,000. She bought the house with the profits of one song and that song was "Carry Me Back to 'Ol Virginny." More than a million phonograph records brought her the fat royalty tag.

"Do you want a hunting license?"
"No, I'm through hunting. I want a marriage license."

Love at first sight would always be successful if you didn't meet the person so many times afterwards.

Only a Scottish audience could have shown keen appreciation of a lecturer's description of a Scotsman as "not remarkable for generosity, nor extraordinarily stingy, but what might be called the happy mean." And the lecturer had MacDonald for his middle name.

Flying over the decks of the White Star liner *Homeric*, which arrived at Southampton from New York, a bullfinch, apparently on its way across the English Channel, suddenly found itself drawn in through the ventilating shaft into the vessel's engine room. It was caught when exhausted, fed and allowed to fly away.

When a fellow proposes these days he can't get down on his knees, mainly because the girl is usually sitting on them.

Jewelled animal brooches have replaced the diamond and onyx dagger. The smart woman now adorns her hat with the "cat and mouse" decoration showing a diamond cat with green eyes watching a diamond mouse with pink eyes. There are other brooches of jewelled fox, fowls, elephant, leopard and other animals.

When you begin to feel that you're one of the best people your office has turned out, be careful that doesn't happen to you.

'Twould be a good idea if a lot of people who can carry a tune, "Carry Me Back to 'Ol Virginny," would carry it way out of hear-records brought her the fat royalty tag.

Some people try to settle arguments out of court—but the police generally interfere.

From a London theatre programme—"The management reserves the right to exclude any person so many times afterwards, lady they think proper."

WINTER SPORTS IN ENGLAND.



Despite the snow-covered ground, the Middlesex Ladies Athletic Club still continue their weekly cross-country runs from the Stag Lane Aerodrome, as the above photo shows.



Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., who was one of the judges for skiing at the Olympic Games, has introduced the sport to London. He is here seen with his son and daughter in Green Park.

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U. S. COAL PROBLEM.

EFFECT OF RECENT SETTLEMENT.

New York, Feb. 25.

The New York Times says that one result of the settlement of the anthracite coal strike is that many coal dealers are faced with bankruptcy in consequence of the sensational decline in price of hard coal substitutes, of which they had stocked 700,000 tons. There are also 12,000 trucks of soft coal and coke in the railway yards and, with the bottom out of the market, the railways fear the trucks will be tied up indefinitely, making it impossible to remove anthracite from the mines, thereby causing the possible enforced idleness of miners. *Reuter's American Service.*

The s.s. Hunan reports striking an uncharted obstruction in approximately Long. 119.34 E., Lat. 20.2 N.

The French cruiser Jules Michelet arrived yesterday morning flying the flag of Rear Admiral Basire, Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern Squadron.

deed taught in schools, but beyond this there is no attempt at drill or any other military activities.

Some may think that signalling is a military activity, but this is a useful accomplishment that should, it is thought, be taught in every school, as ordinary routine, as the power of communicating over a distance should be understood and used by everyone.

Boy Scouts in Chinese territory are not under the control of the British Association and it is regrettable that they do not, in many cases, work on orthodox lines, but allow the prestige of the movement to be used in political and military connections, which is absolutely forbidden under the British Scout Rules.

It is only fair, however, to state that some Troops in Chinese territory are being managed very well indeed, and one visited Hongkong about four years ago that was run by a Chinese Scoutmaster who had grasped the real aims and objects of the movements. In this Troop the boys were remarkable for smartness and efficiency, many having acquired useful accomplishments such as shoe making, carving of wooden blocks for seals etc., and created a very favourable impression.

Yours, etc. C.H.B. Hongkong, Feb. 26th, 1926.

SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS NEAR PORT.

At noon to-day the following vessels were expected to be in Hongkong:

Hakone Maru, Empress of Asia, President Jefferson, Sanuki Maru, Fusanang, Hanoi, Tjikarang, Glenamoy, Yuensang, Mingsang, Kumsang, Mishima Maru, Ceylon Maru, Ginyo Maru, Tonkin, Bessa, Min, Albert Sarrant, Havre Maru, Taishan, Kumakura Maru, Ganges Maru, Tamba Maru, Talamba, Van Overstraten, Tjimanock, Kohso Maru, Angkor, Tandu.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

DEFINITELY FIXED FOR OCTOBER.

London, Feb. 25. In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin announced that a meeting of the Imperial Conference has been arranged for October. It is hoped that all Dominion's Prime Ministers and also a representative of India will be present. *Reuter.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, Feb. 25. To-day's exchange rates are as follow:

Paris	133.00
Brussels	107
Amsterdam	12.13
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.72
Vienna	34.52
Helsingfors	103
Lisbon	213
Buenos Aires	454
Shanghai	3/10 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
New York	4.85
Geneva	25.25
Milan	121
Stockholm	18.12
Oslo	22.04
Prague	164.4
Rio	7 1/2
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Hongkong	2/4 1/2
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HAINAN STRANDINGS.

TO-DAY'S COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Marine Court of Enquiry sat at the Harbour Office this morning, to enquire into the circumstances concerning the strandings of the China Navigation Company's steamers Kwelyang and Hunan, in the Hainan Straits. The Harbour Master, Lt. Commander G. F. Hole, was President, and the other members of the Court were:—Lieut. Commander L. G. Addington, D.S.C., H.M.S. Despatch; Capt. E. Holmes, Master of the s.s. Telemachus, Capt. P. R. G. Cumming, master of the s.s. Mansang, and Capt. E. Walker, master of the s.s. Hai Hong.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask appeared on behalf of the China Coast Officers' Guild, with a watching brief for Mr. O. G. Jones, second officer, of the s.s. Hunan and the master, and the master and officers of the s.s. Kwelyang. Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared on the instructions of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild. It was decided to take the two cases simultaneously.

Capt. W. G. MacKenzie, master of the s.s. Hunan, was the first witness, and, in answer to Mr. Hugh Jones, he said that on January 31st, at 6 a.m. (Hongkong time) they left Haiphong for Shanghai. A course was steered from Houde Island to Nightingale Island. At 5.10 p.m., Nightingale Island was due south five miles. At 6 p.m. it bore S. 53° W. true, 6 1/2 miles. The course was then altered to S. 78° E. (compass), deviation being one degree west. Allowing one degree off-set, this gave a true course. Pang-mai Hill should have been raised at 4 a.m. on February 1st, north from four to five miles. Land was actually sighted at 4.15 a.m. on the starboard bow, and this was identified shortly before 5 a.m. as Pangmai. Witness gave bearings that were taken, which should have set the vessel in a course that would have taken it between the banks and Hainan Island in mid-channel. Witness was satisfied with the accuracy of the bearings, and had no reason to doubt them. The course was altered again at 7 a.m. to N. 82° E. (compass), for fifteen minutes. Another alteration was then made to N. 75° E. (compass); the track being four miles off, and parallel to the coast. Lamko Light was visible, but was not clearly seen owing to a haze shorewards. The ship grounded at 7.26 a.m., heading

FATAL ACCIDENT.

CHINESE FOUND DEAD.

A young Chinese was found dead, yesterday at the roadside, in the Shataukok village, with a severe gash in one side.

The discovery was made by the uncle of the deceased, who lives at Pakkai village. Suspected at first to be a case of murder, police enquiries have since established that the deceased met his death through an accident, the exact nature of this being not mentioned.

BUSH FIRES.

PROVIDENTIAL CHANGE IN WIND.

Melbourne, Feb. 25.

In connection with the bush fires, a number of villagers who were surrounded by flames for six hours, were eventually rescued thanks to a providential change in the wind. There were no casualties, though many properties in the Kinglake and Healesville districts have been destroyed and many inhabitants had most narrow escapes. *Reuter.*

H. M. S. Concord broke the paying off pennant at 8 a.m. yesterday. She will leave for Home to-day and it is understood will pay off into the Special Reserve.

N. 75° E. and at a speed of eight knots.

Engines were put full speed astern, while the second officer went forward to take soundings. The latter reported 6 1/2 fathoms from the starboard chains. The ship floated off in about a minute. With the propeller helping the rubber witness tried to get the boat into deep water, but the stern refused to go. After the engines had been astern for twenty minutes, he ordered the engines to go ahead, and just as she started she again grounded aft. For an hour many engine movements were made, but without success. From 8 p.m. until midnight, witness made unsuccessful efforts to get a kedge out, as heavy seas swamped the lifeboats. At high water the engines were again started, but the ship remained fast. The enquiry is proceeding.

BOY SCOUTS.

NEED OF NEW CHINESE NAME.

We have received the following letter for publication:

Sir,—I noticed in your issue of Tuesday a note that "Boy Scouts" from Szechuan are leaving for the Whampoa Military Academy, and have behaved badly to foreigners, while it is suggested that the title for Scouts, which means "Little Soldiers," is unsuitable, as conveying a very wrong impression of the ideals of the Boy Scout movement.

This is a matter that has caused some concern to the leaders in Hongkong, especially as the khaki uniform, which is adopted as being most serviceable and practical, may tend to confirm the impression that the training is of a military nature, and attempts have been made to find a better term.

It should be remembered, however, that even the term "Scout" has no reference to the ideals represented, as it is derived from the French "Ecouteur," meaning "to listen," and it has really acquired a new meaning from its use in connection with the moral training of boys.

One Chinese Scoutmaster here thinks that the Chinese term "Little Soldiers" is similarly acquiring, or indeed has acquired, a new and definite meaning as representing the Boy Scout Movement, and that no change is necessary, while it would require many words to convey a true impression of Scouting.

Others think a new word might be coined having no meaning other than that it would represent the objects of the Scout Movement.

Perhaps some one who combines a reputation as a Sinologist with a knowledge of all that Scouting means may solve the problem.

When a boy is seen in Scout uniform it means that he has made a solemn promise of loyalty, service for the good of others, and obedience to the moral code known as the Scout Law.

This is supplementary to ordinary school training and the whole object is to impart useful knowledge and develop moral character by methods that appeal to the boys.

They cannot move about in mobs, however, and it is necessary to understand simple movements in unison,—which are in-

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURE LIST.

The first round of the Hongkong F. A. Senior Shield Competition was due to be played off tomorrow, but circumstances have interfered and only two matches will be played. The Club and Kowloon match which would have provided the needle match of the round has been postponed, the Club finding it impossible to raise a side. Kowloon are making an endeavour to arrange for a league fixture with the Royal Artillery and there is every chance that this game will be played at Kowloon. At least Kowloon have selected their side in anticipation as follows:

Kasumussen; Wheeler and Reid; Turner, Sims and McKelvie; Taylor, McBride, Linaker, Caveille and Sibley.

The full fixture list for tomorrow is appended:

SENIOR SHIELD—1ST ROUND.
Surreys v. Tamar—Sookunpoo "A"—4.15.
Police v. South China—Club—4.15.

JUNIOR SHIELD—SEMI-FINALS.
Surreys Res. v. R. A. Res.—Sookunpoo "A"—2.30.

Recreio Res. v. University—Club—2.30.

LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
Kowloon v. R. A.—Kowloon—4.15 (possible).

DIVISION II "A".
South China "A" v. Drums—S. C. A.—2.45.

DIVISION II "B".
Kowloon "B" v. Drums Des.—Kowloon—2.30.

St. Joseph's Boarders v. South China "C"—St. Jos.—2.45.

Fresh from their successes in the North, South China Athletic will start favourites for their shield tie with the Police. The Surreys should have no difficulty in passing into the second final stage at the expense of the Tamar.

LOCAL CRICKET.

VOLUNTEER TEAMS.

By kind permission of the Chinese Recreation Club, Hongkong Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club respectively, the Volunteers will play matches on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of race week as hereunder:

Monday, 1st March, at the C.R.C. against the Army.—A. C. I. Bowker (Capt.), E. J. R. Mitchell, J. C. Lyal, F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsey, E. C. Fincher, J. A. H. Plummer, G. P. Lammert, A. A. Dand, H. C. Burgess, C. T. Evans.

Tuesday, 2nd March, at the H. K. C. C. against Royal Navy.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, J. C. Lyal, F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsey, E. C. Fincher, G. R. Sayer, H. V. Parker, G. P. Lammert, H. J. Armstrong.

Wednesday, 3rd March, at the H. K. C. C. against the K. C. C.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. N. Young, W. W. Mackenzie, A. K. Mackenzie, L. P. Ralph, G. R. Val-lack, H. C. Burgess, G. P. Lammert, R. W. Lee.

All matches start at 12 noon and stumps will be drawn at 6 p.m.

HONGKONG V. KOWLOON.

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI in the league match against Kowloon on Saturday, 27th February, at Kowloon:—W. W. Mackenzie (Capt.), M. M. Watson, H. C. Burgess, T. D. E. Pondered, A. K. Mackenzie, J. H. Gifford, G. R. Vallack, P. Jacks, W. Brackenridge, D. A. Rushton and H. J. Armstrong.

ARMY'S TEAM.

The team to represent the Army against the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday will be—Major Hattersley-Smith, Capt. Bridgeland, Capt. Warters, Capt. Morris, Lieut. Smith, C. Q. M. S. Smith, Master Gunner Rough, Sergt. Gifford, Gunner Maddox, Sapper Goodyear and Pte. Burgess. Reserves: Sergt. Blondin, R. M. S. Page and Lieut. Chester.

TILDEN AGAIN BEATEN.

LACOSTE THE VICTOR.

New York, Feb. 25. Lacoste sensationally defeated Tilden in the opening match of the Franco-American team contest the score being 6/4, 8/6, 6/3. Tilden sustained his second defeat this week at the hands of visiting Frenchmen through his own erratic play which left him no counter against Lacoste's cool and calculating tactics and deadly accurate placements. It was a baseline duel throughout with the service the dominating factor. Lacoste was out-driving and frequently out-generalling the American.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RICHARDS BEATS BOROTRA.
Later, Richards defeated Borotra by 6/4, 4/6, 6/4, 6/2.

BILLIARDS.

CHINA SQUADRON CUP.

Won by H.M.S. Ambrose.

The China Squadron Chief and Petty Officers' Billiards Cup has been won by H.M.S. Ambrose. The scores which led up to their victory are given below. The Ambrose received a bye in the first round, and played H. M. Sub-marines in the second round.

Ambrose.	
Page	150
Gladwin	150
Rabbich	150
Retalick (Capt.)	150
Thorne	150
Nosworthy	82
	832

Submarines.	
Hulley	74
Honeyborne	69
Hill	145
Rowlands	124
Priestly	148
Northwood	150
	708

Ambrose won by 124 points.

Ambrose.	
Page	150
Gladwin	150
Rabbich	150
Nosworthy	150
Thorne	89
Retalick	150
	839

Titanias.	
Shardow	79
Hill	148
Taylor	102
Dickenson	144
Julian	150
Wylie	120
	741

Ambrose won by 88 points.

H.M.S. Ambrose.	
Page	150
Nosworthy	150
Rabbich	150
Retalick	150
Gladwin	150
Thorne	150
	881

H.M.S. Durban.	
O'Kay	91
Wyatt	131
Williams	145
Poole	150
Gilbert	102
Dean	81
	700

Ambrose won by 181 points.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Navy	9	6	3	—	21
Kowloon	7	4	3	—	15
Civil Service	6	3	—	—	15
University	4	1	5	—	13
H.K.C.C.	7	3	2	—	13
Royal Artillery	5	3	1	—	10
Indian R.C.	5	1	4	—	6
Craigsgower	1	1	4	—	4
Chinese R.C.	1	1	4	—	4
East Surreys	0	—	3	—	3
Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	6	4	1	—	13
Kowloon	6	3	2	—	11
Police	6	3	2	—	11
H.K.C.C.	5	2	3	—	9
Royal Navy	7	2	3	—	9
Indian R.C.	3	—	4	—	9
Civil Service	5	—	4	—	2
University	5	—	4	—	1

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, Feb. 25. Playing in the Second Division, Swansea defeated Blackpool by six goals to one.

In the Third Division (Southern), Queen's Park Rangers lost to Aberdeen by one goal to three; Newport beat Millwall by one to nil; and Charlton and Watford played a draw of one goal each.

In the Third Division (Northern), Grimsby defeated Barrow by four to nil.—*Reuter.*

BOXING.

SQUADRON TOURNAMENT.

The China Squadron boxing competitions are fixed to take place at Murray Barracks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. There are classes for officers, novices and champions.

U.S. GOLF.

COMPTON WINS A CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lakeland, Feb. 25. Compton with a score of 285, won the Lakeland Open Ridge Championship over seventy-two holes. Melhorn, with 290, was second, and Sarazen and Cruickshank, with 291, tied for third.—*Reuter.*

THE VOLUNTEERS.

LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., state:

1.—Engineer Company.
Musketry Course Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 28th February, 1926.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. H. Skelton.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 26th February, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 27th February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

2.—Armoured Car Company.

Miniature Range will be available for practice at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 1st March.

Gunnery and Drivers as detailed will fire from the Armoured and Side Car mounting on the Sheko Road on Sunday, 7th March.

Dress: Shorts, puttees, belts, tunics and helmets.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 9 a.m.

Motor Cyclists will parade at Corps Headquarters at 9 a.m. for special scheme. Dress as above with breeches.

3.—Musketry Cup.

The Musketry Cup for the year 1925-1926 was won by the Artillery Company (85 points), with the Scottish Company 2nd (84 points).

4.—Shooting Badges for the best shots in the Corps have been allotted as follows:

Rank of Sergt. and above C.S.M. A. M. Thornhill, Reserve Co., 109 pts.

Rank of Corp. and below Pte. W. D. Goodfellow, M.C., No. 1 Platoon, 98 pts.

5.—Arms.

Members are reminded that the rifles and bayonets must be returned to Corps Headquarters as soon as possible.

6.—Strength.

The following are taken on the strength:—

No. 1024 Pte. B. S. Stephenson, M.I. Co., as from 18th February, 1926.

No. 1025 Pte. H. Lo, A. C. Co., as from 22nd February, 1926.

7.—Promotion.

No. 355 Corp. A. W. Brown, No. 7 Platoon, to be Sergeant, as from 24th February, 1926.

8.—Leave.

No. 62, Sergt. J. M. Smith, No. 6 Platoon, is granted 10 months' leave from 1st March, 1926, to 31st December, 1926.

No. 113 Pte. G. H. M. Bauner-man, Reserve Co., is granted 8 months' leave from 1st March, 1926, to 31st October, 1926.

No. 627 Gr. D. H. Sherman, Artillery Co., and No. 864 Pte. J. Choo, A. C. Co., are granted 12 months' sick leave from 17th February, 1926, to 15th February, 1927.

No. 572 Corp. W. D. Jamie, No. 7 Platoon, is granted 12 months' leave from 22nd February, 1926, to 21st February, 1927.

No. 862 Sergt. A. Grant-Simpson, M. C., No. 7 Platoon, is granted 12 months' leave from 6th March, 1926, to 5th March, 1927.

No. 83 Pte. L. A. Barton, Reserve Co., is granted 10 months' leave from 1st April, 1926, to 31st January, 1927.

No. 831 Pte. E. J. Ainslie, Reserve Co., is granted 10 months' leave from 1st March, 1926, to 31st December, 1926.

No. 857 Pte. J. L. Adams, Armoured Car Co., is granted 12 months' leave from 20th March, 1926, to 19th March, 1927.

No. 176 Pte. M. Manuk, Reserve Co., is granted 6 months' extension of leave from 18th February, 1926, to 17th August, 1926.

9.—Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 501 Corp. N. Mathieson, Armoured Car Co., as from 28th February, 1926.

No. 664 Pte. D. R. Gawler, M.C., Armoured Car Co., as from 22nd February, 1926.

No. 708 Gr. C. V. Curtis, Artillery Co., as from 3rd March, 1926.

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"PERSEUS"	9th Mar.	Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg
"HELENUS"	23rd Mar.	Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg
"SARPEDON"	7th April	Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

"PELEUS"	5th March	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & G'gow
"TELEMACHUS"	20th March	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & G'gow
"IXION"	1st April	Genoa, M'les, Havre, L'pool & G'gow
"TEUCER"	20th April	Genoa, M'les, Havre, L'pool & G'gow

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"SARPEDON"	7th April	Singapore, Marseilles & London
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HAIPHONG via Hoihow Mingsang		Sat 27th Feb. at 10 a.m.
TIENSIN via Chefoo Cheongshing		Wed. 3rd Mar. at noon.
TSINGTAU via S'hai	Yat-shing	Wed. 3rd Mar. at noon.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 5th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Kobe via S'hai & Moji	Kwaisang	Sat 6th Mar. at noon.
CALCUTTA via Straits	Hosang	Sat 6th Mar. at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU via S'hai	Kwonsang	Wed 10th Mar. at noon.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Fri 13th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Kobe & Moji	Fooksang	Sat 13th Mar. at 7 a.m.
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NAUGHTY CHILDREN

CAUSE OF POOR PHYSIQUE AND TUBERCULOSIS.

Lack of discipline among children is the cause of poor physique and leads to tuberculosis said Dr. D. M. Connan, tuberculosis officer of Bermondsey, when addressing the women sanitary inspectors' winter school at Bedford College.

Children nowadays, he said, were nearly entirely undisciplined, and were irregular in their hours. One day they would bolt their food, next day they would linger over it, and the next day, perhaps, would go without, because they did not like it. This led to poor physique, one of the causes of tuberculosis.

In eight or nine cases out of ten, mothers who came to him with their children were unable to carry out his instructions, because the children would not obey. COURSE OF EXAMINATIONS. Examinations came in for

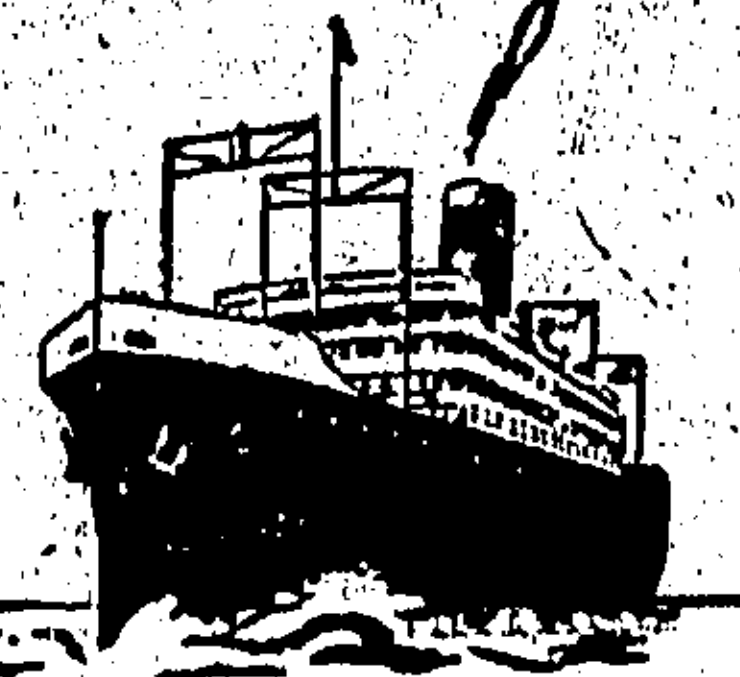
hearty condemnation at the conference of the Science Masters' Association at Kensington recently.

Mr. Douglas Berridge (Malvern College) said science teaching would not suffer if all elementary practical examinations were abolished. Such examinations were unnecessary, unfair to the pupil, misleading the examiners, and very troublesome and expensive to the schools.

Professor H. E. Armstrong said examinations were ruining the intelligence of the country for all practical purposes. Under the examination system intelligence was being absolutely sterilised. "You have got to get rid of this infernal higher certificate examination," he added. "If you are not very careful the teaching of science will be taken out of your hands by some of the large manufacturers. My son is so dissatisfied with the product of the Universities that he has already instituted an educational system in his works."

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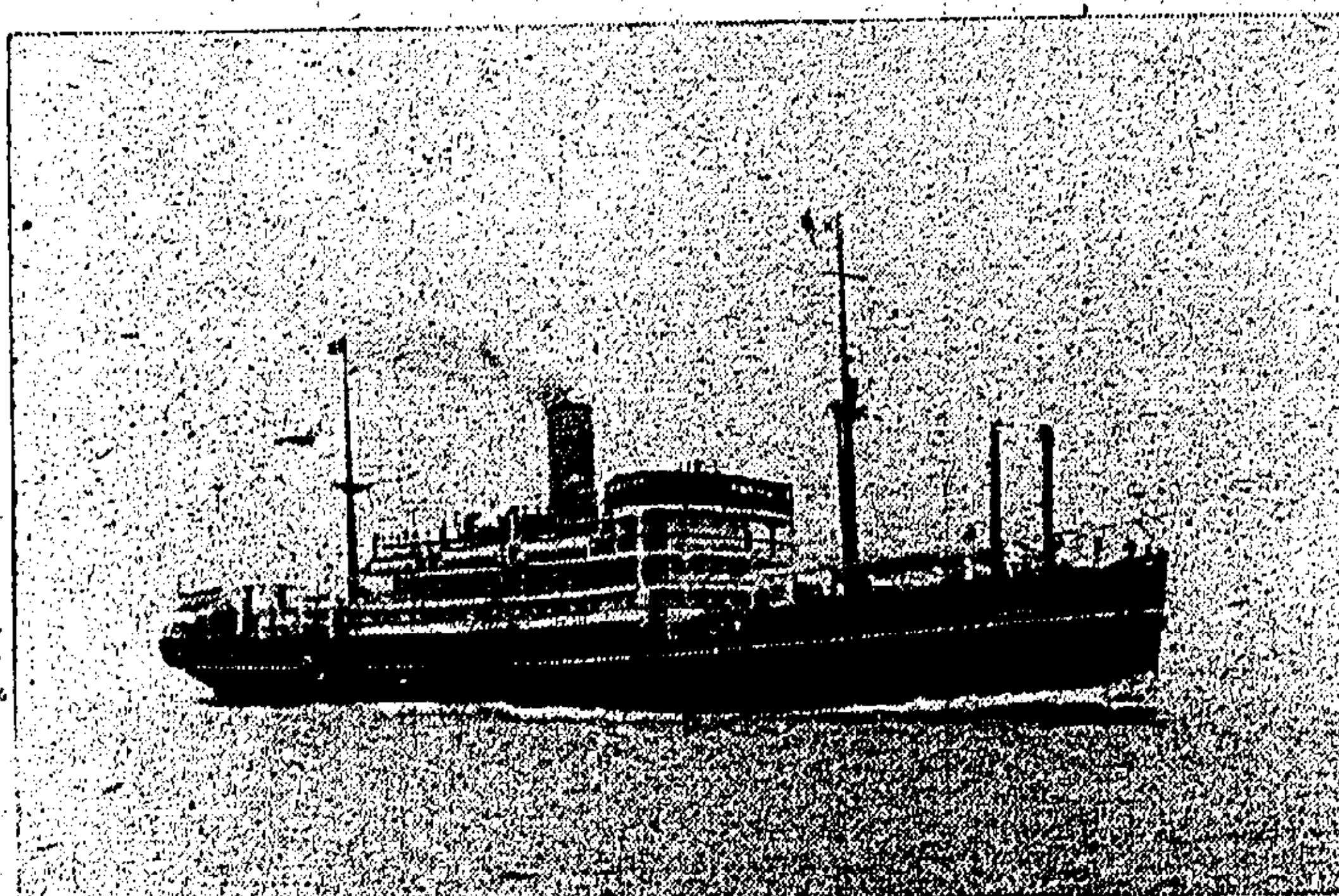
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FAMOUS STEEL HAND.

U.S. INVENTOR'S TRIBUTE TO BRITISH CRAFTSMEN.

A famous American whose inventions helped Germany to wage war with a hand of iron has now an iron hand himself.

He is Mr. Hudson Maxim, inventor of smokeless powder and various processes in connection with high explosives.

Mr. Maxim, who recently paid a visit to England, lost his left hand in an explosion many years ago, and after experimenting with various types of artificial make-shifts, has just had a steel one made for him in London.

It is believed to be the only steel hand in the world, and it is a tribute to British craftsmanship that he should have come here to have it made.

HAMMERED OUT.

Details were given to a *Daily Chronicle* representative by Mr. A. E. McClean, artificial limb maker, Aldwych.

Mr. Maxim had never been able to get an artificial hand strong enough for his mechanical and other experiments, and thought that if he could get a hand hammered out of sheet steel it would be the very thing he wanted.

He approached the leading firms in the United States, but they told him they could not do it, and advised him to come to England, recognising apparently that Americans cannot compete with British craftsmanship.

"I had never known of a hand being beaten out of sheet steel—for one thing steel is one of the least malleable metals. But we were able to satisfy Mr. Maxim. We hammered a hand out of steel no thicker than a sheet of paper, shaping it in the form of a semi-grip so that it will be of some help in his work. Of course, there are no working joints in it.

EXPLOSIVE EXPERIMENT.

"We could have made a hand of aluminium, brass, copper or other metals and compositions, but they would not have been nearly strong enough or have the resiliency of hammered steel, and a cast-steel hand would have been far too heavy.

Mr. Maxim recently told the story of how he lost his hand during an experiment with explosives.

"I put a lighted match," he said, "to a fragment of a new fulminate compound, but forgot that the rest of fulminate was in my left hand. A spark from the ignited piece fell on it, and there was an explosion. The next thing I saw was the end of my wrist-bone sticking out of the flesh."

A tourniquet was bound round his wrist, and Mr. Maxim walked to the nearest railroad track, half a mile away, and waved a flag to stop the train for New York. The driver, however, ignored him, and it was not till 12 hours later that he reached New York and received surgical attention.

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KASHAIR	8,985	13th March	M'les, London & Antwerp
KIDDERPORE	5,334	18th March	S'pore, Penang & B'bay
KHIVA	9,135	20th March	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MOREA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, P'ang, O'bo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
MAORONIA	11,059	1st May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,941	29th May	Marseilles & London

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SHIRALA	7,841	17th March	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

*FARDA	6,958	3 Mar. 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
ARAFURA	6,000	7th April	Island, Townsville, B'bane.
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SHIRALA	7,841	27th Feb.	M'li, Kobe & Osaka
MOREA	10,911	6th March	S'hai, Moji & Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	9th March	Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	13th March	Moji, Kobe & Yok.
KALYAN	9,144	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MAGANO MARU ... Saturday, 6th Mar.

OSAKA MARU ... Thursday, 11th Mar.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

ARI MARU ... Thursday, 18th Mar.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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A DELAY EXPLAINED.

A quarterly report on the new Fire Station building, for the period ended December 31st, 1925, was laid on the table at today's Legislative Council meeting. It stated: The contractors for the new Fire Station building have made satisfactory progress with the work during this quarter.

The whole of the concrete work is now complete with the exception of the ground floor, courtyard and one or two minor items such as channels to verandahs, etc. Brickwork to all upper floors is practically complete and all the necessary bricks are on the site in readiness to complete the ground floor walls. The stonework is now nearing completion and the masons are at present engaged in laying the last course round the building. The door and window frames are being built in as the work proceeds and all window sashes and doors are at present stored on the job but cannot be hung until the ironmongery arrives from England. The non-delivery of this ironmongery was forwarded more than six months ago is very definitely and seriously retarding the progress of the work and therefore delaying the date of completion of the contract, which cannot now, under any circumstances, be completed within the stipulated time. The joiners are in readiness to lay the wood block floors to all offices but cannot do so until adequate protection can be obtained and all doors and windows shut. As stated above this cannot be provided until the ironmongery arrives from England.

Brest, Feb. 25
The steamer Boeton, which was recently on fire, has left for Amsterdam.—*Reuter.*

SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

PROGRESS OF NEW BUILDING.

There was laid on the table at this morning's meeting of the Legislative Council, the quarterly report, for the period ended December 31st, regarding the new Saiyingpun School. This was as follows:

Every endeavour has been made to recover from the delay and inconveniences occasioned by the recent unsettled labour conditions, and the building has reached a fairly satisfactory state of advancement.

All roofs are completed, and the tower nearly so; the Shanghai plasterwork to external columns, etc., is finished and the latrine block has been erected. Floor tiling to verandahs and crush halls is complete, also dudo tiling to all class rooms. The ceilings to second floor rooms have been fixed and painted, and one coat of distemper has been applied to all class room walls. The staff entrance staircase is completed, most doors and windows are hung, and painting and staining generally is proceeding.

Plasterwork to the Assembly Hall is progressing satisfactorily, the electric wiring is fairly well advanced, water service is being installed; the erection of granite portico to front entrance has been commenced and the swimming pool is being prepared to receive tiling. Some drains have been laid.

H. E. the Governor of Bengal, in a recent address before the Calcutta Rotary Club, advocated the institution of a Prisoners' Aid Society with probation of officers, and the establishment of "moral hospitals" in place of gaols. "You must provide moral doctors and moral hospitals for your criminals," declared His Excellency.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted from the *Telegraph* files for the week ended February 20th, 1905:—
The death is announced of Mr. George Price, a constable in the Hongkong Police Force.

The Hongkong Club played the Navy in a bowling match on the Club alleys. The following was the Club team:—Messrs. J.W.C. Bonner, C.P. Chatter, C.H. Gale, P.W. Goldring, H. Hancock, J. Hooper, S.B.C. Russ, and T.C. Gray (Capt.).
The bachelors of Hongkong gave a Race Week fancy dress ball at the City Hall. The decorations included a magnificent representation of a horse in electric lights, and in the centre of the ball room were huge blocks of ice. One of the features of the evening was the cakewalk, performed by Mrs. Walker.

At a boxing display at the Theatre Royal, the main event, a 20-round contest between J. Christie and Jim McCoy, resulted in a draw.

The exchange rate of the dollar is given at 1/10%.

The P.O. mail brought to Hongkong a large number of Russian refugees.

The Hongkong Football Club and the V.R.C. replayed a drawn match. The following represented the Club:—Dr. Kew, W.G. Lockie, G.E. Morrell, H.C. Gray, G.B. MacDonald, E.F. Aucott, R. Macpherson, R. Henderson, W. H. Williams (capt.), C. Humphreys, and H.C. Govett.

In the fourteenth report of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, issued over the imprimatur of Mr. Donald, the deaths were announced of Messrs. M. Copeland, A.G. Ewing, J. Logan, A. Mitchell, and R. Riddock. The membership totalled 326.

Mr. John Peel's "Cotswold," ridden by Mr. Gresson, won the Hongkong Derby at the Races.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, gave a ball at Government House for which 1,150 invitations were issued.

Mr. Ruttonjee's bakery, in Kowloon having been burnt down, customers were informed that another had been hired in a healthy part of the town.

Ten would-be pirates were executed at Swatow.

Complaints were made against the proprietors of a show which they were pleased to designate "The Kinograph." This adjoined the wax work at the north of the Central Market and it was alleged that there were "hideous howlings" during the exhibitions of moving pictures of the life of Our Saviour.

The Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association had a shock at King's Park Range. A competition was held between married and single members, the latter winning.

A telegram describes the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius by a bomb while riding in Moscow.

News of the death of Sir Robert Jardine, Bt. is announced. He was the senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Sir Paul Chater presided at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Mr. W.B. Dixon was then Chief Manager. A dividend of 12% and a bonus of 2% per share was declared.

LOCAL RATES.

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In some parts of the Colony there were four-storeyed premises with but one floor in occupation. The owner had had to pay rates for the whole of the house, and owners of that class of property were feeling the pressure, and would be glad of the relief which the present temporary measure would afford.

The Government had not acted hastily. The difficulties had been brought to their notice some four or five months ago, but they were not satisfied at that time that a case for relief had been made out. The Government now felt that a case had been made out.

The Hon. Attorney General then detailed the conditions under which relief would be granted pointing out that in the case of a house with three floors vacant a refund would be made for two of the floors.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the resolution was passed.

AIR FORCE.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
POLICY.

EMPIRE ROUTES.

London, Feb. 25.

In the House of Commons, presenting the air estimates, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the air policy was to provide Home defence against air attack, to provide air defence for suitable parts of the Empire, to undertake the required air work for the Navy and Army, to develop civil air routes over the face of the Empire, and "to help the British people to the utmost to become a people of the air."

As regards home defence, the present programme was to bring the Home Defence squadrons from three in 1922 to 28 at the end of 1927, when Britain's inferiority would be somewhat less than one to two as compared with the total strength of our nearest neighbour.

EFFECT OF LOCARNO.

Emphasising that the programme for 52 home defence squadrons remained intact, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the Locarno Pact, at the lowest estimate, must make for a less likely possibility of war during the next few years, and therefore the Government was justified in proceeding somewhat more slowly in completing the programme and spreading the expense over a longer period at the same time holding themselves free to speed up the completion of the programme if the international situation was contrary to all expectations and necessitated it.

AIRSHIP PROGRAMME.

Sir Samuel Hoare pointed out that there was no substantial change in the making of the airship programme and opined that two new airships should, before the normal life of the present Parliament ended, have brought London and Bombay nearer together than were London and Edinburgh a century ago.

He concluded by saying that efforts were being made to expand air knowledge by means, firstly, of the creation of auxiliary and special reserve squadrons near great industrial centres, in which case London, Edinburgh and Glasgow were developing satisfactorily; secondly, by a closer contact between the air programme and science, which was outwardly expressed by two new squadrons at Oxford and Cambridge; and thirdly, by bringing aviation within the reach of the ordinary citizen, in which connection already one thousand members belonged to five light aeroplane clubs. As regards the present aeronautical problems he remarked that the result of the trials of the new auto-giro, "the flapper of the air" machines were being built to test its possibilities for civil and military purposes.

REDUCTION OF HALF A MILLION.

Rugby, Feb. 25.

In the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, introduced the Air Estimates for the next financial year. He said that these were not markedly different from those of last year. There was a net addition of about half a million sterling. One of the chief factors in that reduction of the gross Estimates was a saving of nearly £350,000 in the cost of defence in Iraq and Palestine, resulting partly from a visit which he had paid to the Middle East a year ago, but still more from the efficiency of the Air Command under Vice Marshal Sir John Higgins and the civil administration under Sir Henry Dobbs. The small net increase in the Estimates was explained by new developments and additional squadrons recently formed. The increase might have been greater but for rigid economies practiced.

He claimed that the balance had been held not unsuccessfully between the urgent need for air development and an insistent demand for public economy.

The four main requirements of the British Air Force were home defence, Imperial defence, the air requirements of the Army and Navy, and, fourthly, the development of civil aviation and the task of helping the British people to become a people of the air. The paramount duty was home defence—a duty recognized by successive Governments in sanctioning a home defence force of fifty-two squadrons. To-day, twenty-five of these squadrons were already formed and three more would be added in the course of the financial year.

Thus, while in 1922 there were only three squadrons available for home defence, at the end of 1927 there would be 28.

TO-DAY'S NEEDS.

We were to-day setting aside Russia, the second greatest power in the world, but we were still in an inferiority of somewhat less than one to two as compared with the total strength of our nearest neighbour. Sir Samuel emphasized the vulnerability of this country to air attack and said there was to-day no question of under-rating this weakness or of scrapping our programme for dealing with it. Our programme of home defence accepted by Government after Government remained intact. The only question was whether we were justified in spreading the expenditure over a somewhat longer period than was originally intended. This had been a difficult question for the Government to decide. On one hand, there was the urgent need to build up, as quickly as possible, adequate home defence. On the other hand there was the urgent need to avoid a heavy rise in the estimates of any department. In addition there was the new phase of international politics created by the signing of the Locarno Treaty. The pact against aggression, signed by the Western Powers, must at the very lowest estimate make less likely a possibility of war during the next few years and to that extent justified a more slow process of the completion of a defence programme. The Government had weighed these considerations and came to the conclusion that on the balance, it was justifiable to spread the expense over a longer period, at the same time holding themselves perfectly free to speed up the completion of the programme if the international situation was contrary to present opinions and necessitated it.

HE THOUGHT THAT FROM CERTAIN VIEW POINTS A SHORT PERIOD FOR CONSOLIDATING THE POSITION AND PERFECTING THE AIR STRUCTURE, WOULD NOT BE REGRETTED.

EMPIRE AIR ROUTES.

Sir Samuel Hoare, continuing, said he proposed to take definite and practical steps to help the aircraft industry to obtain markets abroad. The Air Ministry regulations had in the past made it impossible for firms to sell abroad but practically obsolete types. It was now possible to considerably relax these regulations. A substantial advantage should accrue to the British Aircraft industry if its machines and engines, than which there were no better in the world, could find large markets abroad.

Turning to the important question of Empire air routes, Sir Samuel Hoare said that an aeroplane service from Egypt to Karachi, in India, would actually start next year, with the most up-to-date three engine machines, saving five days as compared with existing methods of transport. He believed that once this first step was taken, an extension would spring up and step by step, an air line would be created between London and Bombay. The Ministry looked forward also to substantial advantage being made with the programme of airships during the next twelve months. This was of vital importance for Empire communications and defence, and, in his view, airships during the next twelve months. This was of vital importance for Empire communications and defence, and, in his view, airships should before the normal life of the present Parliament came to end, have brought London and Bombay nearer together than were London and Edinburgh a century ago.

In conclusion, Sir Samuel dwelt upon what he declared to be the most important objective of the Air Ministry, namely, the expansion of air knowledge and air practice among the people.—*British Wireless.*

ADD AIR ESTIMATE

NEW MINISTRY NEEDED.

London, Feb. 25.

In the House of Commons, winding up the debate on the Air Force Estimates, Sir Samuel Hoare promised to communicate to the Premier the weighty arguments from all parts of the House in favour of a centralised Ministry of Defence. In the meantime he hoped to foster the closest co-operation between the three Chiefs of Staff. He frankly claimed that the British Air Force was the most efficient in the world to-day, flying twice the number of hours of any other, not excluding France, which had the biggest Air Force in the world. The Estimates were agreed to without a division.—*Reuter.*

Entertainments.

The QUEEN'S
"The Bridge of Sighs"

The STAR
DOUGLAS MACLEAN
IN
"BELL BOY 13"
and
KATHERINE MACDONALD
IN
"THE BAUTIFUL LIAR"

THE WORLD
REGINALD DENNY
in
"I'LL SHOW YOU THE TOWN"

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai	Tillwong	February 25
Shanghai	Yingchow	February 26
Shanghai	Hakone Maru	February 26
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Taft	February 26
Manila		
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only)	Dorffinger	February 28
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only)	Van Overstraten	February 27
London, 28th Jan.	Emp. of Asia	February 27
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Sinkiang	February 28
Shanghai		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	March 1
Japan	Tanda	March 1
Manila	Emp. of Asia	March 3
Saigon	Andre Lebon	March 3
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	March 4
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pros. Wilson	March 4
Shanghai	Mantua	March 5
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pros. Grant	March 8
Australia and Manila	Arafura	March 12

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai	Dorffinger	Fri., Feb. 26, 4 p.m.
Amoy	Shirala	Fri., Feb. 26, 5 p.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong	Mingsang	Sat., Feb. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Japan via Sourabaya	Tillwong	Sat., Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakone Maru	Feb. 27, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles March 28.)
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (Letters and Post cards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Pres. Taft	Sat., Feb. 27, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due San Francisco, March 24.)
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Sat., Feb. 27, 8 p.m.
Shanghai	Kinchow	Sun., Feb. 28, 9 a.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Feb. 28, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Halching	Sun., Feb. 28, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Yingchow	Mon., Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Angkor	Tues., Mar. 2, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 2nd April.)
Bangkok	Chinhua	Tues., Mar. 2, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Yatshing	Wed., Mar. 3, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hector	Wed., Mar. 3, Registration 1.45 a.m. Letters 2.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 31st March.)
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tanda	Wed., Mar. 3, Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 10th March.)
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Letters and P. Cards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Andre Lebon	Wed., Mar. 3, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	Wed., Mar. 3, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Emp. of Asia	Fri., Mar. 5, Registration 1.45 a.m. Letters 2.30 a.m. (Due Vancouver, B.C., 22nd March.)
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., Mar. 5, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Pros. Jefferson	Fri., March 5, Registration 1.45 a.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C., March 24.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantua	Sat., March 6, Registration 1.45 a.m. Letters 2.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.